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The DOJ's 3-step plan to increase FCPA enforcement

The Department of Justice's ("DOJ") Fraud Section of the Criminal Division recently unveiled its Foreign Corrupt Practices Act (FCPA) Enforcement Plan and Guidance Memorandum ("Guidance") outlining the three actions it will take to step up its efforts to detect and prosecute both individuals and companies for FCPA violations, including an enforcement pilot program.

[Click here](#) to read about the DOJ's three-step plan.

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Treasurer Mandel Earns Ohio #1 Government Transparency Ranking in the Country for Second Year in a Row

Highest U.S. PIRG Score Received Again as OhioCheckbook.com Continues to Lead the Pack and Set a New National Standard for Government Transparency

COLUMBUS – The U.S. Public Interest Research Group (U.S. PIRG) released their annual “Following the Money 2016” report today and Treasurer Josh Mandel earned Ohio the number one transparency ranking in the country for the second consecutive year in a row. Due to the launch of OhioCheckbook.com, Ohio again received the highest perfect score of 100 points this year – marking the second time in two years Ohio received the highest possible score in the history of the U.S. PIRG transparency rankings.

“Ohio is once again the national leader in state spending transparency. But more than just holding the highest spot, Ohio’s commitment to improving their web portal has encouraged other states to join this race to the top. This year, we have an unprecedented number of states meeting Ohio in the upper echelons of our

criteria,” said Michelle Surka, program associate with U.S. PIRG and co-author of *Following the Money*. “The Treasurer’s office has also been a leader in encouraging municipal and local transparency, continuing to expand the scope of what state spending transparency means and how it can help ordinary citizens analyze how their tax dollars are spent, from the state house in Columbus to the most local special districts.”

“I believe the people of Ohio have a right to know how their money is being spent,” said Treasurer Mandel. “By setting a new national standard for government transparency, we are empowering taxpayers across Ohio to hold public officials accountable.”

This report is the U.S. PIRG’s seventh annual evaluation of state transparency websites. Read the U.S. PIRG [press release](#), the [full report](#), and a list of the 50 state rankings at:

[USPIRG.org](#). Highlights of the U.S. PIRG Report’s references to Ohio’s transparency site include:

- Pg. 8 – “Vendors seeking to do business with the state of Ohio have reported using [OhioCheckbook.com](#) as a business analytics tool, which has allowed them to determine when they can offer a state agency a product at a better value than the agency was currently receiving. In addition, an elected official from Hamilton County said that he used the site to compare the prices paid for road salt in neighboring villages to ensure that the county was getting a competitive rate.”
- Pg. 15 – “The Search Bar on Ohio’s Transparency Website Improves Accessibility by Offering Suggestions When a Visitor Begins Typing.”
- Pg. 21 – “States have started to prioritize user-friendliness and accessibility in their transparency portals. Ohio’s site still leads the pack, with intuitive “Google-style” search bars, options to instantly share interesting findings, and easily navigable “compare” features that allow users to contextualize the data they are reviewing.”
- Pg. 28 – “One important next step would be to support transparency efforts at the municipal and county level and make those data available through the state’s transparency website. Ohio is a leader in this regard, already incorporating many localities into the central transparency site.”

[OhioCheckbook.com](#) was launched on December 2, 2014, marking the first time in Ohio history when citizens could actually see every expenditure in state government. Since its launch, [OhioCheckbook.com](#) has received overwhelming

support from newspapers and groups across the state and, as of April 12, 2016 there have been more than 500,000 total searches on the site.

OhioCheckbook.com displays more than \$512 billion in spending over the past eight years, including more than 139 million transactions. The website includes cutting-edge features such as:

- “Google-style” contextual search capabilities, to allow users to sort by keyword, department, category or vendor;
- Fully dynamic interactive charts to drill down on state spending;
- Functionality to compare state spending year-over-year or among agencies; and,
- Capability to share charts or checks with social media networks, and direct contact for agency fiscal offices.

On April 7, 2015 Treasurer Mandel sent a letter to 18,062 local government and school officials representing 3,962 local governments throughout the state calling on them to place their checkbook level data on OhioCheckbook.com and extending an invitation to partner with his office at no cost to local governments. These local governments include cities, counties, townships, schools, library districts and other special districts.

To date, more than 640 local governments and school districts have committed to partnering with OhioCheckbook.com. Combined, these entities display on OhioCheckbook.com over 12.5 million individual transactions representing more than \$33.9 billion in local government and school district spending.

A large coalition of statewide and local government organizations have expressed support for OhioCheckbook.com and local government transparency, including:

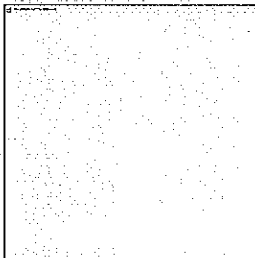
- Ohio Municipal League
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Ohio Leads Nation Two Years in a Row in Transparency Treasurer Mandel Receives Highest Score Thanks to Ohio Checkbook

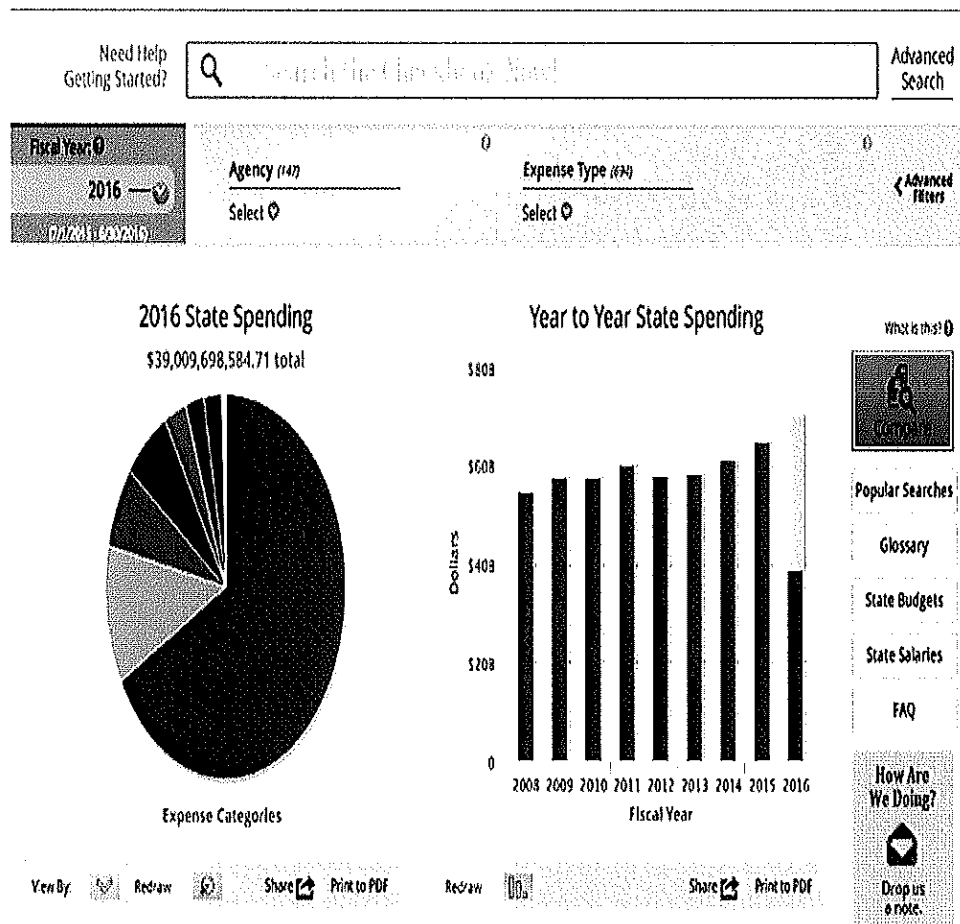
COLUMBUS, OHIO--On Wednesday, Ohio repeated as national champions in government transparency.

The U.S. Public Interest Research Group (PIRG) gave Ohio's Treasurer Josh Mandel the top spot in its ranking of state government transparency for the second straight year. Ohio received a perfect score thanks to the cutting edge Ohio Checkbook. The Treasurer deserves another round of applause for continuing to raise the bar on government transparency and serving as an example for the other 49 states.

The Buckeye Institute is proud to have played a role helping Treasurer Mandel pursue this important initiative. Treasurer Mandel said in his press conference today, *"The Buckeye Institute has been a terrific partner on this transparency initiative. They were pioneers in this space well before I was doing it, and continue to be today."*

Of course, it was not clear when Buckeye started our public salary databases and transparency project six years ago whether there would be appetite among Ohioans, let alone among state officials. After nearly 13.5 million searches of The Buckeye Institute's database, we are pleased that Treasurer Mandel has not only taken up and championed this cause, but has gone even further in leading the nation by setting the gold standard for other states to emulate.

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What once was a small dream of The Buckeye Institute to empower Ohio taxpayers is now a reality. Mandel's Ohio Checkbook not only looks at all state expenditures, but is also adding local governments' checkbooks to its online database in an unprecedented single, one-stop shop of such public data.

Treasurer Mandel's goal is to get ALL Ohio local governments' spending posted online and Buckeye will continue to work with his office to achieve full participation.

Given the fear mongering raised by too many local government officials over what they claim are draconian cuts by the state, local government transparency cannot come soon enough. As Buckeye's Statehouse Liaison and Policy Analyst, Greg R. Lawson, wrote this past weekend in the Cleveland Plain Dealer, "...instead of falling revenues, most local communities have seen overall local revenues rise."

U.S. Supreme Court Justice Louis Brandeis once noted that, "sunlight is said to be the best of disinfectants." The Buckeye Institute stands proudly with Treasurer Mandel and all advocates of government transparency and accountability to shine the disinfecting sunlight into every corner of Ohio government spending.

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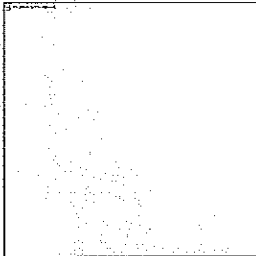
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Ohio needs many different labor reforms. Ending the mandatory use of labor agreements (PLAs) in public projects will save Ohio taxpayers money. Estimates show that projects with PLAs can increase construction costs by as much as 15% - providing Ohio with less bang for the buck. PLAs make taxpayers pay more for public projects such as roads, infrastructure, and repairs that could be done better, faster, and more efficiently.

A new policy brief based on a Buckeye Institute report explains how PLAs:

- Increase costs for taxpayers;
- Decrease competition among contractors on public projects by adding burdensome red-tape and requirements;
- Force non-union workers on PLA projects to pay for union benefits they will likely never see.

PLAs pick winners and losers. Among those losers are the millions of Ohio taxpayers, businesses, and non-union employees that continue to pay more for less.

New Report

The Hidden Cost of Project Labor Agreements

Mandatory project labor agreements (PLAs) increase construction costs by 15%. PLA reform savings in Ohio's highway construction budget could build a new

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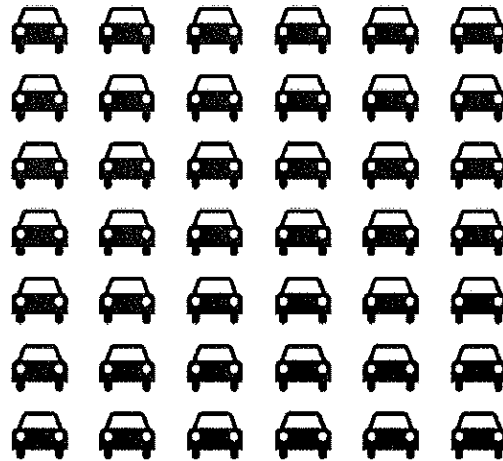
four-lane highway – the distance from Zanesville to Mt. Vernon – at no expense to the taxpayers.


Sources:

<http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/assets/files/PolicyResources/ModelProjectLaborAgreementPLA%20-%20Construction%20-%20Ohio.pdf> page 10

<http://www.ohio.gov/ohiohouse/committees/transportation/transportation%20-%20Ohio.pdf> page 3

Based on average construction costs from American Road and Transportation Builders Association
<http://www.artsa.org/2004/07/14/average-costs-for-2004/>



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ALEC Releases New 'Rich States, Poor States' Report

For the ninth year in a row, Utah earned the top ranking for economic outlook in the newest edition of the American Legislative Exchange Council's (ALEC) *Rich States, Poor States* report. The study was written by economist Arthur B. Laffer, Ph.D., Jonathan Williams, vice president for the ALEC Center for State Fiscal Reform, and Stephen Moore, a distinguished visiting fellow at The Heritage Foundation. This must-read report ranks all 50 states on 15 economic policies, including various tax, regulatory, and labor policies that give state lawmakers yearly comparisons of how policies are helping or hurting their economic outlook.

The top five states for economic outlook in the report are Arizona, North Carolina, North Dakota, Utah, and Wyoming. The bottom five states are California, Connecticut, New Jersey, New York, and Vermont. The most improved states compared to the 2015 rankings are Tennessee, which moved up 10 spots, and Florida, which climbed seven spots and now sits at eighth place. Georgia was the biggest loser in this year's report; it fell 12 spots. Alaska also performed poorly compared to the 2015 report, falling 11 spots.

Over the past five years, Gov. John Kasich (R) and the General Assembly have cut income tax rates, eliminated the death tax, and constrained some spending. These reforms helped Ohio move up from having the 49th worst economic performance in the first *Rich States, Poor States* report - issued nine years ago - to being ranked 18th best in the nation in this year's report. Ohio's improvement marks the largest increase of any state over that period.

U.S. Sen. Tim Scott (R-SC) supports the policies recommended in the report. "By promoting pro-growth tax and fiscal policies, we can help every American unleash their full potential," D said Scott. "In South Carolina, we have seen these policies lead to an economic boom, with companies large and small choosing to locate and succeed in our great state. Publications such as this one serve as valuable tools to provide policymakers with a blueprint for job creation and economic success."

U.S. Sen. Thom Tillis (R-NC) praised the publication, stating, "Most state legislatures across the country are focused on reducing spending, lowering taxes, and growing their economies. *Rich States, Poor States* continues to generate in-depth policy information that is critical to making decisions that will move states in a more economically sustainable direction. This publication is

an important tool for policymakers, and I find it essential in understanding what makes each state competitive in a global economy.”



Budget & Tax

Research & Commentary: Maryland Considers the Flat Tax

Maryland legislators are in the midst of a major discussion on tax reform, one that includes corporate income tax reform and the possible implementation of a flat tax, which would replace the state’s current personal income tax structure, eliminating hundreds of deductions and greatly simplifying the state’s tax code.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues that instead of pursuing discriminatory taxes, states should focus on pro-liberty tax reform, which lowers rates, puts dollars back into the pockets of taxpayers, and tightens states’ budgets by creating new, reasonable limits on spending. “Sen. Serafini’s flat tax would lower rates, simplify the tax code for Maryland taxpayers, and it represents an important step in the right direction for tax reform in Maryland.” [Read more](#)

Constitutional Reform

Introducing Article V 2.0: The Compact for a Balanced Budget

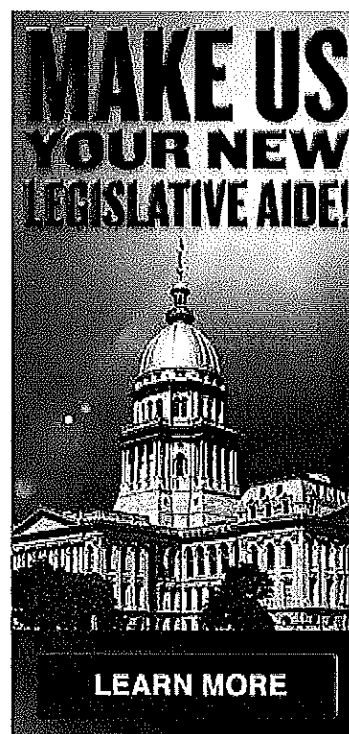
As the federal debt approaches \$18 trillion, a balanced budget amendment has emerged as one of few viable options to curb government spending. The Article V process for amending the U.S. Constitution, however, is long and tedious.

In this updated report for The Heartland Institute, originally published in July 2014, Nick Dranias, a constitutional law expert, asks the question, “[W]hat if the states could advance and ratify a powerful federal balanced budget amendment in just 12 months?” As Dranias explains, the Compact for a Balanced Budget could accomplish that task, “changing the political game almost immediately.” [Read more](#)

Education

Research & Commentary: Illinois School Funding Plan

Members of the Illinois Senate introduced an amendment to a school funding bill on April 6 that would change the formula to determine how much state aid will be sent to school districts. The bill would reduce the role property taxes play in funding local school districts, placing a greater emphasis on state funding. This would entail shifting funding from more affluent school districts to poorer school districts. If passed, the bill



The March issue of *School Reform News* reports on the late January celebration of National School Choice

would cost the state \$600 million in its first year and includes a \$200 million infusion of state monies into Chicago Public Schools' debt-laden teacher pension fund. In this *Research & Commentary*, Policy Analyst Tim Benson argues, "Reforming Illinois' teacher pension system and ending administrative bloat are two of the more prominent ways to guarantee more educational funding makes its way to back into the classrooms, where it can be used where it is most needed: on the students themselves." [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Research & Commentary: Hiking Missouri's Gas Tax Will Not Solve Road Funding Woes

Missouri legislators are now considering a substantial increase in their state's motor-fuel taxes. The tax hike, proposed by state Sen. Doug Libla (R-Poplar Bluff) recently passed in the state's Senate and is expected to receive a final vote in early April. The current proposal, if approved by voters in a statewide referendum in November, would increase the state motor-fuel tax by 5.9 cents, increasing the tax from 17 cents per gallon to 22.9 cents per gallon.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans wrote, "Gasoline taxes are ineffective, regressive, and have increasingly left transportation systems shortchanged. Gas taxes also disproportionately shift the burden to low-income drivers, a group that typically owns older, less fuel-efficient vehicles." Glans writes critics of the gasoline tax increase proposal say legislators "should not use the current dip in gasoline prices as an excuse to hike taxes, and they note a tax hike would raise prices on goods and services throughout the economy, not just on gasoline. These increased costs are passed on to consumers." [Read more](#)

Health Care

Research & Commentary: States Should Not Block the Growth of Optical Telemedicine

Several states, including Indiana, Nebraska, Oklahoma, and South Carolina, are considering new laws that would ban the use of new telemedicine technologies that would enable patients to receive a prescription for glasses or contact lenses using a vision test they administer themselves on a laptop or smartphone. Telemedicine can provide health care services to more people who need it at a lower cost, but it is currently being hampered by government regulations, not by inadequate technology or a lack of demand.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues against reforms limiting telemedicine: "Allowing

Week, when parents, children, and educators rallied at events across the nation to celebrate the progress made over the past five years in the school choice movement and to promote pro-liberty school reform and parent empowerment. National School Choice Week was commemorated with 16,400 events in all 50 states. NSCW events and rallies were held in 13,224 schools, and 20 special events were organized at state capitol buildings.

Budget & Tax News

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one industry's lobby to block technology that could benefit thousands of patients is unfair and unjustifiable. The government should not be in the business of choosing winners and losers. Instead of enabling blatant cronyism, state legislators should work to encourage telemedicine by reforming licensing standards to allow physicians to treat patients across state lines and to work to streamline credentialing." [Read more](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

Ohio Leads Nation Two Years in a Row in Transparency

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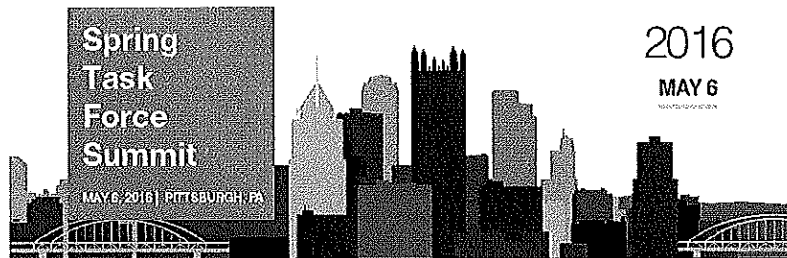
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How a State Drafted and Ratified Balanced Budget
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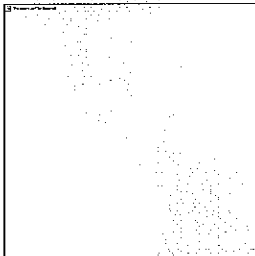
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March Madness in the Ohio Jobs Market

Labor force continues to gain steam through the first quarter of 2016

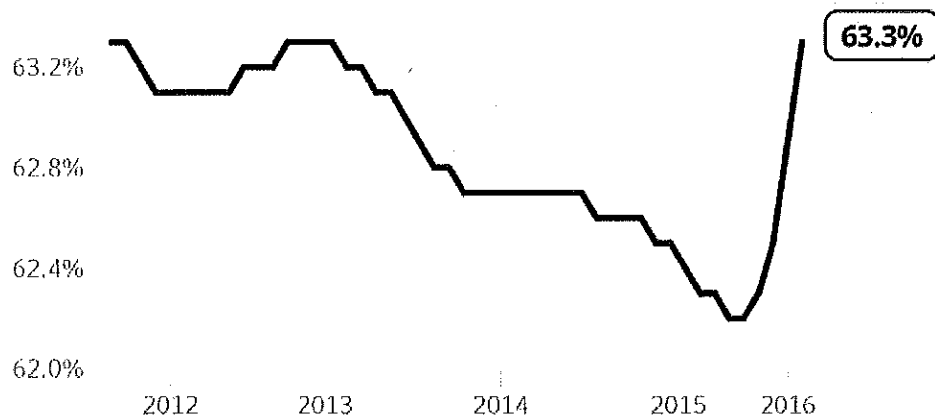
COLUMBUS, OHIO--Ohio's job market continues to show promise--as The Buckeye Institute's Policy Analyst Joe Nichols recently told the Dayton Daily News, "In January, we had the highest percent increase in the labor force that we've had since 1990. February topped that, and March has topped February." Nichols continued, "The labor force numbers are increasing like nothing we've seen in a long, long time. That's really encouraging news."

The labor force participation rate reflects this surge into the labor market. In just a few months, the rate has rebounded to where it was 4 years ago, although it still remains far from pre-recession levels.

Ohio Labor Participation: March 2016

LABOR FORCE PARTICIPATION RATE

63.6%



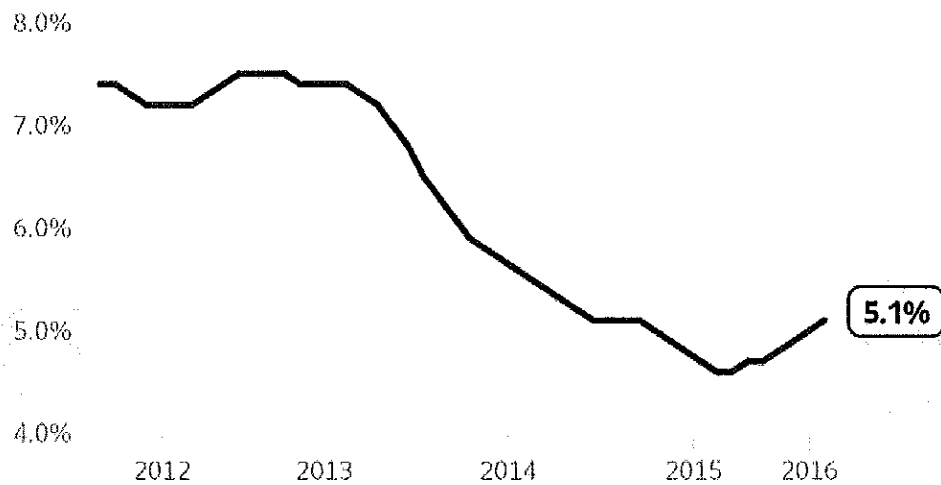
Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Labor Market Information.

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On the other hand, the unemployment rate has been trending slightly upward in recent months. This indicator is less alarming while labor force rates are increasing significantly--such a large surge into the jobs market means that some people will take a while to find a job and will be counted as unemployed in the meanwhile.

Ohio Unemployment: March 2016

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE



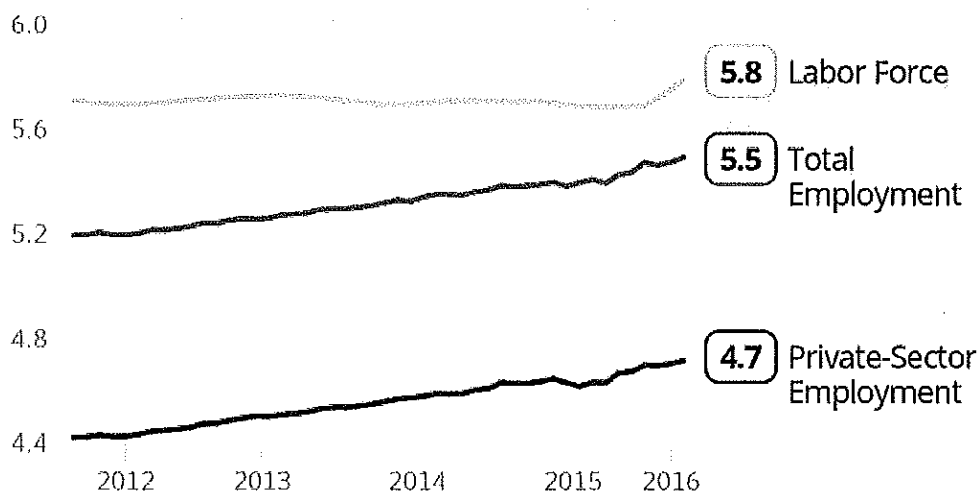
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Lastly, both private sector and total employment continue a tepid upward trend.

Ohio Employment: March 2016

IN MILLIONS



Source: Ohio Department of Job and Family Services, Bureau of Labor Market Information.

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Article V - Restoring Economic Growth and Prosperity Reception and Dinner

Friday, May 6, 2016

6:30pm-9:00pm

Join us for a reception and dinner featuring experts who will explain how the states must act to prevent the "economic-doom-loop" from ending in the greatest economic crisis in American history. This event is complimentary, but an RSVP is requested.

Article V - Restoring Economic Growth and Prosperity Breakfast and Discussion

Saturday, May 7, 2016

7:30am-12:00pm

Join us for a breakfast meeting where leading experts on the federal budget and Article V will explore how the states can propose and ratify a U.S. balanced budget amendment without the threat of a "runaway convention." This event is complimentary, but an RSVP is requested.

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House Education Panel To Examine Value-Added Report Card Measure

The House Education Committee this week will begin a deep dive into a state report card measure that's been the subject of debate over its accuracy in determining how much students are improving each year.

The panel will consider for the first time what the chairman has described as a "placeholder bill" (HB 524) that allows for discussion of the value-added report card measure, which reflects how much academic progress students made over the course of a year.

The bill comes in response to recent attempts from some advocacy groups to push the state toward using another measure in addition to, or instead of, "value-added" so that students' progress can be better compared to peers who are similar to them as opposed to their own previous test results, Chairman Rep. Andy Brenner (R-Powell) said.

The Ohio Coalition for Quality Education, a charter school advocacy group, recently lobbied for an amendment in a Senate priority measure (SB 3) that would add the similar students measure to the state report card. It pushed for the same addition in a charter school overhaul bill (HB 2) last year. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, February 22, 2016)

While the former bill could still be a vehicle for potential report card changes, Rep. Brenner said he felt the value-added versus similar students debate deserved separate consideration for now.

"I think they need to be vetted in their own bill and I think we need to have various groups come in and explain why we're doing things the way we are and what's included in it and what the importance is for each," he said in an interview.

Department of Education staff, who have lauded value-added as the best indicator of student success that's being used in the country, will explain how it is calculated during the committee's Wednesday morning meeting.

Rep. Brenner said the panel, which could meet twice the following week to consider the bill, will eventually hear from the measure's creators from Battelle for Kids.

"Many groups want to know what really are the components so we have a better understanding of it," he said. "If they knew a little more about how (value-added) was calculated for instance, they might have a better understanding of what they need to adjust in their school to meet the growth measures."

OCQE has argued that value-added doesn't adequately evaluate schools that have highly mobile and impoverished students, which are often charters and those in urban communities. That's because it's based on how students did last year - possibly at a different school - and doesn't compare them to similar students attending schools that share demographics.

The Ohio 8 Coalition, which has raised similar concerns about report cards not reflecting the uniqueness of each school in the state, will be encouraged to take part in the committee's conversation on value-added, Rep. Brenner said.

Rep. Ryan Smith (R-Bidwell), who is sponsoring the measure with Rep. Bob Cupp (R-Lima), said he's not going into the process with preconceived notions about how to approach value-added or similar students measures.

"I don't have any goals necessarily; it's more of an education for me," he said in an interview. "If we find something that we think we need to do over and above value-added, I'm willing to have that conversation, but before we can get there we need to figure out how value-added measures work. I want to have a discussion with all parties involved because 1.8 million kids in the state are counting on us to get it right."

However, much like the Thomas B. Fordham Institute has found through its research, Rep. Smith said value-added is a "really good concept" because achievement can be measured individually and sometimes reflects how well a school is doing in helping students progress despite not seeing high test scores.

"What's important and I'm really interested in is making sure that every student is making progress, not necessarily all getting 100% on their tests, but that they're making progress from where they've started and that's why I think value-added is very intriguing to me because it levels the playing field," he said.

The Fordham Institute, which sponsors charter schools, recently released a report touting value-added as being the key to uncovering best practices in high-poverty urban schools. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 11, 2016)

Such schools universally receive low overall marks on state report cards, but some receive high value-added ratings, according to the report.

Per House Bill 2, which was enacted earlier this year, ODE is researching the similar students measure and is required to submit a report regarding its findings and recommendations by Dec. 1.

Rep. Brenner said the discussion about how to improve school report cards and the how data is being used in the long term could likely be continued through the Joint Education Oversight Committee.

Bill To Extend Energy Freeze Introduced In Senate

Sen. Bill Seitz (R-Cincinnati) on Monday introduced his much-awaited bill to extend the ongoing renewable energy mandates freeze by three years.

In its major components, the bill (SB 320) is much the same as a draft circulated by Sen. Seitz last week to gauge stakeholder input. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 13, 2016)

It maintains the draft's 2019 end date for the freeze, while eliminating compliance measurements for the years 2021-22, 2023-24, and 2026-27.

It also keeps intact draft language prohibiting any state agency from issuing certain guidelines on carbon dioxide emissions, electric dispatch protocols, natural gas utilization, or regulating the acquisition of renewable energy and more "without new and specific state statutory authority to do so."

Several interested parties on both sides of the issue said Monday they had not yet had time to examine the final bill, which was introduced late in the afternoon. But in addition to continuing the freeze, opponents have expressed concerns the draft version would water down the definition of energy efficiency and remove flexibility from the state's response to the Clean Power Plan.

The bill as introduced would expand the definition of energy efficiency to include post-consumer recycled glass by mercantile customers, consumer reductions in water usage, and improvements in wastewater treatment. It would also expand the consumer base eligible for opting out of energy efficiency programs.

Whether Gov. John Kasich would sign such a bill remains to be seen. The governor last year blasted the Energy Mandates Study Committee's recommendation to continue the freeze. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, September 30, 2015)

Governor's office spokesman Joe Andrews declined to comment in detail on the introduced bill, which he said could change by the time it hits the governor's desk.

But Mr. Andrews said the governor has been clear on his opinion on continuing the freeze. Gov. Kasich previously called the idea of an indefinite continuation "unacceptable."

When it comes to the idea of a three year extension, Mr. Andrews said the governor's reaction will be much the same.

"It's still kicking the can down the road," Mr. Andrews said.

At an April 19 campaign stop in Maryland, Gov. Kasich said he has "leverage" over lawmakers in the discussion, according to video from CSPAN.

"They're going to have to come with a commonsense plan because if they try to kill it we'll go back to the unattainable level that was set," Gov. Kasich said. "That's called leverage. I have leverage."

He urged promoting efficiency and renewables, while criticizing politicians for setting the standard "at a level we can't meet."

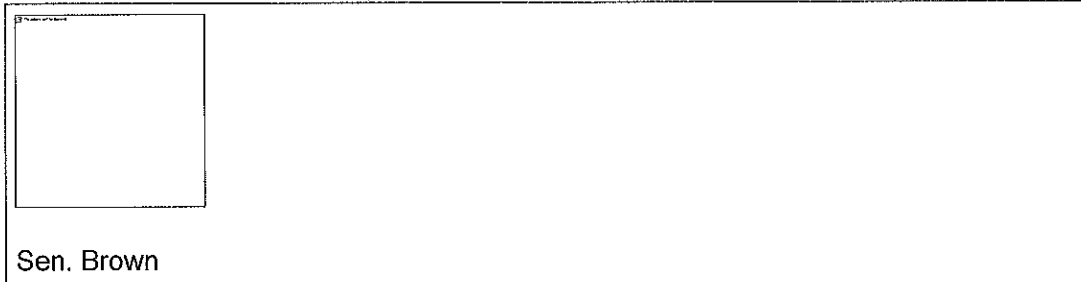
"So we want to have energy," he said. "The problem was the legislature got carried away at one point and our standards were 20 or 25% and they wanted to get rid of it. I said no, we're not going to do it. We'll reset it to fit the economy of Ohio."

Democrats Urge Feds To Reject Proposed 'Healthy Ohio' Medicaid Waiver

Democrats said Monday that a proposed Medicaid waiver to require participants to pay into an account is an effort to roll back the efforts after the Affordable Care Act to increase access to coverage.

U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-Avon) joined state lawmakers at a Statehouse news conference to oppose the so-called "Healthy Ohio" plan, which Sen. Brown said he is actively urging the federal Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to reject.

"We're asking them to reject this application and say no to hiking costs for people all across Ohio," he said. "We're going to do all we can to deny the Ohio waiver because it clearly cuts at the heart of the Medicaid."



The state is required to pursue the waiver because of language written into the biennial budget bill (HB 64). It would create a five-year demonstration program in which about 1.5 million people on Medicaid are required to pay into a modified health savings account called a Buckeye Account in order to receive coverage. The participant's contributions to the account would be used to pay for co-pays. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 22, 2016)

Supporters of the program, including state Rep. Jim Butler (R-Oakwood), have said it will improve personal responsibility among people on Medicaid and create incentives for more people to take advantage of primary and preventative care.

Since the waiver was opened for public comment April 15, opponents have criticized it as a way in which legislators have tried to undo the progress of Medicaid expansion. Medicaid participants who don't make the required contributions to the Buckeye Account - 2% of their income up to \$99 per year - would lose coverage.

"I believe this could be a prescription for disaster for many of Ohio's most vulnerable, especially in the fact that it could create a serious setback to the health of many low-income Ohioans," Rep. Nickie Antonio (D-Lakewood) said Monday. "We run the risk of driving hard-working Ohioans away from preventative and maintenance care in a doctor's office and pushing them back into the emergency room."

"We must expose the Healthy Ohio waiver for the Trojan horse that it is," she added.

Rep. Antonio said the proposal is similar to one in Indiana that the state later rolled back.

"They went back on it because what they were finding was that the health outcomes were not helpful once they instituted the premiums," she said.

Rep. Butler, one of the architects of the plan, said the Healthy Ohio plan is similar to the original Indiana plan but with some changes. The Healthy Ohio program doesn't lock people out of reapplying for Medicaid if they lose coverage, he said, it allows people to regain coverage once they start making payments again. The Ohio program also allows people who move to private insurance to take the money in their Buckeye Account with them in a bridge account, he said.

Rep. Butler said the Indiana plan, which was implemented in 2008, was successful.

Without doing something to control costs in Medicaid, Rep. Butler said, the state could face financial struggles with rising costs.

"Doing nothing is not a plan," he said in a Friday interview. "I'm open to suggestions. Come with a solution rather than just spend more money, because that's just unsustainable."

Sen. Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Hts.) said he expected the Healthy Ohio program would lead to higher administrative costs for the state and wouldn't lead to the health outcomes Rep. Butler expects.

"When push comes to shove, we're going to see very little benefit of this for a whole lot of work," he said.

Rep. Antonio said the program could jeopardize coverage for new mothers, something that wouldn't help the state's high infant mortality rates.

Sen. Brown said the fact that some people would be kicked off of Medicaid means many would stay off of it and go back to using hospital emergency rooms without being able to pay the bills. That would cost everyone more money as hospitals go back to having to cover some of the nearly \$2.3 billion in uncompensated care from before the passage of the Affordable Care Act.

The proposal goes against the idea of Medicaid, he said.

"When people are rejected from something, that makes it that much more difficult to come back," Sen. Brown said. "The whole promise to people was we'll have a compact with you. You will show up for maintenance and preventative care as well as showing up when you have an acute crisis or health problem and we'll provide the care at no cost."

The comment period on the waiver runs through May 16. The final public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday at 2 p.m. in Cincinnati.

Gentile Heads Into Fall Election Cycle With Fundraising Lead Over Opponent; GOP Caucus Leaders Hold Huge Cash Advantage; DeWine Leads In High Court Funding

Republicans' top Senate target in this fall's elections has a commanding lead thus far in the money race.

Sen. Lou Gentile (D-Steubenville) has built a campaign war chest of \$428,401 in his bid to retain his seat in the 30th Senate District, according to post-primary campaign finance reports.

Post-primary reports include all activity from Feb. 25 to April 15.

Sen. Gentile spent just \$8,110 over that period, while raising \$102,251.

His opponent, Frank Hoagland, a retired Navy SEAL who owns START LLC in Mingo Junction, reported a balance of \$6,358 on hand. He raised \$9,624 and spent \$7,396.

Despite his cash shortcomings, Mr. Hoagland is expected to see a lot of support from the well-heeled Republican Senate Campaign Committee. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 22, 2016) Given the politically lopsided, non-competitive nature of most of the GOP-drawn Senate districts, the majority won't have a lot of choices on where to spend its considerable cash advantage.

After spending \$102,351 in his primary victory against Reps. Mike Dovilla (R-Berea) and Nan Baker (R-Westlake) in the 24th Senate District's primary election, former lawmaker Matt Dolan has just \$7,892 on hand, according to his filing. He received \$25,967 in donations during the period.

His Democratic opponent, Emily Hagan, staff attorney for Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge Michael P. Donnelly, has \$68,904 on hand. She raised \$27,460 and spent \$3,750 during her uncontested primary election.

On the House side, in the race to replace term-limited Rep. Debbie Phillips (D-Albany) Republican Jay Edwards has a commanding fundraising lead, with \$42,852 on hand. He received \$4,600 in donations and spent just \$2,500 during his uncontested primary.

Democrat Sarah Grace has just \$1,742 on hand. She raised \$3,545 and spent \$6,738 in defeating fellow Democrat Eddie Smith in the primary election in the 94th House District.

In the race for the 89th House District seat, Rep. Steven Arndt (R-Port Clinton), who narrowly defeated former Rep. Chris Redfern during the previous election cycle, has a slight fundraising deficit over his Democratic challenger.

Rep. Arndt has \$2,442 on hand after raising \$5,300 and spending \$5,100. His challenger, Lawrence Hartlaub, has \$4,590 on hand. He raised \$3,135 and spent \$2,359.

In the race for the 95th House District seat, Belmont County Commissioner Ginny Favede holds a significant fundraising advantage over incumbent Rep. Andy Thompson (R-Marietta).

Ms. Favede has \$39,941 on hand. She raised \$11,092 and spent \$1,132. Rep. Thompson, meanwhile, has \$4,220 on hand. He raised \$5,360 and spent \$10,416.

Democrat Bobby McDowall holds a fundraising advantage over Rep. Anthony DeVitis (R-Green) in the race for the 36th House District seat, which the incumbent won with 52.5% of the vote in the last presidential cycle.

Mr. McDowall has \$13,974 on hand after raising \$6,070 and spending \$2,258.

Rep. DeVitis has \$3,459 on hand. He raised \$10,115 and spent \$10,118.

Although he is expected to cruise to victory in his race against Democrat John Carlisle in the heavily conservative 72nd House District, former House Speaker Larry Householder has accumulated \$66,250 after spending \$75,187 and raising \$47,395.

Leadership: Republican leaders of both chambers have plenty of cash to spread around in the general election.

Senate President Keith Faber (R-Celina) has \$420,795 on hand after spending \$17,449.

He raised \$163,147, with his largest contributions - \$12,532 each - coming from Political Education Patterns and Cynthia and Wayne Boich.

He also received \$10,000 donations from the Ohio Health Care Association PAC; the Realtors PAC; GOPAC Election Fund; the PAC for Equine Racing; J.C. Huizenga; and Karen Wright.

House Speaker Cliff Rosenberger (R-Clarksville) has \$178,648 on hand after spending \$27,615.

He received \$131,280 in contributions, including \$12,500 from FirstEnergy PAC, \$12,000 from the Realtors PAC and the Wholesale Beer and Wine Association PAC.

He also received donations of \$5,000 from Cardinal Health PAC; Marathon Petroleum Corporation Employees PAC; CCG PAC; and the Ohio State Chiropractic Association PAC.

His counterpart, Minority Leader Strahorn (D-Dayton), had \$2,593 on hand. He spent \$26,407 and raised \$23,525.

His largest contributions came from FirstEnergy PAC, which donated \$4,000, Laborers District Council of Ohio PAC, which donated \$2,500, and the Ohio Association for Justice, which also donated \$2,500.

Senate Minority Leader Joe Schiavoni (D-Boardman) did not file a post-primary campaign finance report.

Supreme Court: First District Court of Appeals Judge Pat DeWine, a Republican, has more cash on hand than the other three high court candidates combined.

Judge DeWine is sitting on a campaign war chest of \$538,602 after spending \$41,486 and raising \$74,780 during the most recent reporting period.

He faces Eleventh District Court of Appeals Judge Cynthia Rice in the general election. The Democrat has \$76,310 on hand. She spent just \$3,226 and raised \$26,850.

In the other race for an open seat Cuyahoga County Common Pleas Court Judge John O'Donnell, a Democrat who lost a bid for a high court seat in 2014, has \$60,944 on hand. He spent \$23,043 and raised \$30,070.

His opponent, First District Court of Appeals Judge Pat Fischer, has \$29,220 on hand after spending \$121,579 to dispatch opponent Eleventh District Court of Appeals Judge Colleen Mary O'Toole in the Republican primary. He raised \$64,625 in the reporting period.

State Tax Credits Aimed At Creating, Keeping Total Of 1,066 Jobs

Seven business expansion projects were awarded an estimated total of about \$1.64 million in tax credits Monday under multi-year deals with the state that are expected to create 530 jobs and retain 536.

The Tax Credit Authority reported that the projects are expected to result in \$21,241,653 in new payroll and lead to \$24.1 million in additional investments.

The largest incentive, with an estimated value of \$590,000 contingent on the business meeting its growth targets and other factors, went to **EBTH.com LLC**, according to the state.

The online estate sale company received a 1.259%, seven-year Job Creation Tax credit to locate its business in a yet-to-be-determined site in the state. The company plans to create 275 full-time positions generating \$7.7 million in new annual payroll while retaining \$3.3 million in payroll, TCA reported.

The next largest tax credit, valued at an estimated \$428,000, went to **ATK Space Systems, Inc.**, a supplier of rocket motors and other space systems with locations in Kettering and Beavercreek. The company projects it will create 68 full-time jobs with a consolidation involving the two locations, in the process creating \$4.3 million in payroll and retaining \$8 million in payroll, TCA reported. The authority awarded a 1.701%, seven-year JCTC for the project.

Other tax credits approved Monday went to (estimated tax value):

GENCO I, Inc. of Columbus, which expects to create 82 jobs generating \$3 million in new annual payroll with its new project. The logistic services provider received a 1.153%, six-year tax credit (\$192,000).

Ball Metal Food Container, LLC of Columbus plans 50 new full-time positions generating \$2.5 million in annual payroll while retaining \$10.8 million in payroll under an expansion. The TCA approved a 1.228%, six-year JCTC for the packaging manufacturer's project (\$184,000).

Cognitive Ventures, LLC of Dublin expects to create 17 positions and generate \$1.6 million in new payroll by locating in the Franklin County suburb. The concussion testing and management company received a 1.426%, six-year tax credit (\$116,000).

Risk International Services, Inc. of Fairlawn in Summit County plans to create 18 full-time jobs entailing \$1.3 million in payroll while retaining \$4 million in payroll under an expansion. The TCA awarded the risk management firm a 1.401%, six-year JCTC (\$100,145).

Rotex Global, LLC of Cincinnati expects to create 20 full-time positions generating \$867,616 in payroll and retain \$9.9 million in payroll with an expansion project. The provider of dry material screening equipment and technology was awarded a 0.722%, five-year tax credit (\$29,000).

Sierra Club Pushes For Public Disclosure Of FirstEnergy PPA Projections

The fallout of recently approved Power Purchase Agreements continues as FirstEnergy and the Sierra Club argue over whether confidential consumer cost estimates and revenue projections should be made public.

The debate is laid out in the latest filings in a case involving the PPA modified and approved March 31 by the Public Utilities Commission of Ohio. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, March 31, 2016)

In that order, the commission generally approved an eight-year plan for consumers to ensure profits on the company's aging power plants. Now PPA opponent Sierra Club is attempting to make public internal FirstEnergy projections the group says show how much the plan might cost customers.

The projections in question stem from the December testimony of Sierra Club witness Tyler Comings, a senior associate at Massachusetts-based Synapse Energy Economics Inc. In redacted portions of that testimony, according to FirstEnergy's PUCO filing, Mr. Comings discussed "a certain projection regarding the alleged cost of Rider RRS" over the terms of the Electric Security Plan.

The Sierra Club, in its own filing, referred to the information as a "projection of costs and revenues" under the rider "including a calculation of the net impact that the Rider RRS would have on customers over the eight-year term using FES's forecast of market prices."

On Friday, the Sierra Club moved to modify the existing protective order issued during prior proceedings, requesting the PUCO modify the order to allow the information to become public. It argues the projection would assist the public in understanding and interpreting the PUCO's recent order and that it's not dissimilar from previous information made public during the hearing process.

"This projection, which contains no plant-specific data, is not a trade secret and therefore should be removed from the scope of the commission's protective order," Sierra Club argued.

"Because disclosure of the FES projection would facilitate the public's review and understanding of the Commission's decision, and because this projection is not a trade secret, this information should be publicly released," the group continued.

In its own filing Friday, the company disagrees, accusing the group of "threatening" to release trade secrets. FirstEnergy's motion is for the PUCO to maintain its existing protective order, which it said would keep that projection outside the public domain.

"This projection was generated using inputted confidential and proprietary cost and revenue projections that FES provided to Sierra Club in response to a subpoena request," reads FirstEnergy's filing. "Disclosure of this material could economically harm FES by placing FES at a competitive disadvantage."

On April 15, Sierra Club attorneys wrote to FirstEnergy, advising the company it intended to make the information public "because they do not contain any trade secrets," according to copies of an email exchange submitted to the PUCO as an exhibit.

"Apparently frustrated with the Commission's decision, Sierra Club has now decided to resort to self-help and has threatened to insert this already protected information into the public domain," FirstEnergy argued in its filing.

That email kick-started the filings, prompting a PUCO attorney examiner to set a Tuesday deadline by which parties may file responses to the motions. No replies to those arguments will be considered, the examiner determined.

Kasich, Cruz Unveil Truce To Stop Trump; Billionaire Rips Plan

GOP frontrunner Donald Trump blasted Gov. John Kasich and Texas Sen. Ted Cruz, accusing the two trailing Republicans of a desperate attempt at "collusion."

Mr. Trump's statement followed news that the Cruz campaign will lay off New Mexico and Oregon, allowing Gov. Kasich a clear shot at challenging Mr. Trump, while the Kasich camp agreed to cede Indiana to the senator.

The two haven't gone as far as to urge their supporters to vote for the other candidate - in contrast Gov. Kasich on Monday said his Indiana supporters "ought to vote for me" - but the pair has essentially agreed to not spend money in those respective states and are publicly urging their super PACs to do the same.

By doing so, the pair - each of which has been mathematically eliminated from seizing the nomination prior to a contested convention - hopes to launch a two-front attack that will block Mr. Trump from collecting the required 1,237 delegates.

"It is sad that two grown politicians have to collude against one person who has only been a politician for 10 months in order to try and stop that person from getting the Republican nomination," Mr. Trump said in his statement.

If successful, the gambit would force a contested convention, where both Sen. Cruz and Gov. Kasich believe they stand a shot at earning the nomination on the second ballot or beyond. But strategists for the two temporary allies were quick to say the truce only stands in those three states.

"Our goal is to have an open convention in Cleveland, where we are confident a candidate capable of uniting the party and winning in November will emerge as the nominee," Kasich Chief Strategist John Weaver said. "We believe that will be John Kasich, who is the only candidate who can defeat Secretary Clinton and preserve our GOP majority in the Congress."

Cruz Campaign Manager Jeff Roe, in his statement, said Mr. Trump would be a down-ballot "disaster" who would get "blown out" by either Democratic contender.

"To ensure that we nominate a Republican who can unify the Republican Party and win in November, our campaign will focus its time and resources in Indiana and in turn clear

the path for Gov. Kasich to compete in Oregon and New Mexico, and we would hope that allies of both campaigns would follow our lead."

Mr. Trump, in response, said the Cruz campaign is "in free fall" and criticized Gov. Kasich for having fewer delegates than Sen. Marco Rubio who dropped out of the race more than one month ago.

"This horrible act of desperation, from two campaigns who have totally failed, makes me even more determined, for the good of the Republican Party and our country, to prevail!" Mr. Trump said.

The tight race, in which every delegate Mr. Trump earns could be the last inch he needs to cross the 1,237 delegate threshold, has shifted more importance toward late voting states like Indiana, which heads to the polls May 3.

Indiana has 57 delegates - 30 which go to the state winner, and 27 others allotted to winners by congressional district. Recent polling continues to show Gov. Kasich lagging in Indiana, making Sen. Cruz the more competitive of the two.

An April 20-22 CBS News/YouGov poll found Mr. Trump at 40%, Sen. Cruz at 35% and Gov. Kasich at 20%. An April 18-21 Fox News poll found Mr. Trump (41%) similarly leading Sen. Cruz (33%) and Gov. Kasich (16%). A WTHR/HPI poll showed Mr. Trump at 37%, followed by Sen. Cruz (31%) and Gov. Kasich (22%).

"Due to the fact that the Indiana primary is winner-take-all statewide and by congressional district, keeping Trump from winning a plurality in Indiana is critical to keeping him under 1,237 bound delegates before Cleveland," Mr. Weaver said. "We are very comfortable with our delegate position in Indiana already, and given the current dynamics of the primary there, we will shift our campaign's resources west and give the Cruz campaign a clear path in Indiana."

Tuesday: Recent polls show Gov. Kasich in second in four northeastern states voting this week, while he battles Sen. Cruz in an effort to reach second in Pennsylvania. In addition to the Keystone State, Rhode Island, Connecticut, Maryland and Delaware vote Tuesday.

Recent Pennsylvania polls - from the left-leaning Public Policy Polling, CBS News/YouGov, and NBC/*Wall Street Journal*/Marist - show the governor in third, three or four points behind Sen. Cruz. In those polls, Sen. Cruz lags Mr. Trump by between 18-26 points. An April 21-24 poll from American Research Group showed Mr. Trump at 50%, Sen. Cruz at 23% and Gov. Kasich at 21%.

Rhode Island's recent polls show Gov. Kasich in a distant second. PPP's April 22-24 poll had him at 23%, down 38 points from Mr. Trump's 61% and 10 points above Sen. Cruz. Brown University, in an April 19-21 poll, found Mr. Trump at 38%, followed by Gov. Kasich (25%) and Sen. Cruz (14%).

In other states, PPP's April 22-24 Connecticut poll placed Mr. Trump at 59%, ahead of Gov. Kasich (25%) and Sen. Cruz (13%). An April 21-24 ARG poll of Maryland found Mr. Trump leading Gov. Kasich 55-21%, followed by Sen. Cruz (19%). And in Delaware, the only poll to date, conducted April 17-18 by Gravis, found Mr. Trump at 55%, Gov. Kasich at 18% and Sen. Cruz at 15%.

Vice President: The Kasich campaign recently began vetting potential vice presidential candidates, Gov. Kasich said in a Sunday CBS interview.

Asked whether he plans to unveil the VP candidate prior to the convention in order to make the Kasich ticket more attractive to delegates, Gov. Kasich didn't close the door on the idea.

"These things come quickly and you don't want to have yourself in a position where you've got to pick somebody out of a hat," Gov. Kasich said.

Endorsements: Endorsing Gov. Kasich in recent days were the *Baltimore Sun*, the *Philadelphia Enquirer*, the *Lewistown (Penn.) Sentinel*, and former Pennsylvania U.S. Rep. Melissa Hart. The campaign also expanded its Washington leadership team.

Court Briefs: Pike County Crime Scenes Also Sites Of Marijuana Growing Operations; Cleveland Settles Civil Suit With Family Of Tamir Rice

Three of the four Pike County locations at which law enforcement officials on Friday discovered the bodies of eight individuals housed marijuana growing operations, Attorney General Mike DeWine said at a news conference Sunday.

Mr. DeWine did not say the murders and the marijuana growing operations are linked. He said investigators have not ruled out the possibility that there was more than one killer involved.

He also cautioned that the investigation could be lengthy.

"This was a pre-planned execution of eight individuals. It was a sophisticated operation and those who carried it out were trying to do everything they could do to hinder the investigation and their prosecution," he said at the news conference.

Eighteen pieces of evidence are being analyzed for forensics and ballistics at the Bureau of Criminal Investigation crime lab, five search warrants have been executed, more than 50 people have been interviewed and more than 100 tips have been received about the case, according to Mr. DeWine.

Also over the weekend, the attorney general's office released the names of the victims, all of whom are members of the same family and ranged in age from 16 to 44. On Monday, the attorney general's office released a chart to explain the familial relationships of the victims.

Pike County Sheriff Charles Reader said at the news conference that he has spoken to remaining members of the family and advised them to be armed.

Cincinnati restaurant owner Jeff Ruby is offering a \$25,000 reward for information that results in the arrest and conviction of anyone involved in the killings.

The attorney general's office on Monday also announced that autopsies had been completed on all eight victims.

Anyone with information on the case is asked to call 1-855-BCI-OHIO or the Pike County Sheriff's Office at 740-947-2111.

Rice Settlement: The city of Cleveland and the family of Tamir Rice have reached a settlement in a civil suit over the shooting death of the 12-year-old boy.

The family will receive \$6 million over the course of two years, according to the settlement approved by U.S. District Judge Dan Polster. The settlement will also require the approval of a Cuyahoga County Probate Court judge.

Mr. Rice was killed by Cleveland police officer Timothy Loehmann in November 2014 after receiving reports of someone in a park with a gun. Mr. Rice was wielding a toy gun at the time of the shooting.

A grand jury late last year declined to bring any charges against Mr. Loehmann for the shooting. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, December 28, 2015)

The lack of charges has led some to call for changes to the grand jury process in Ohio in cases of officer-involved shootings. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, January 14, 2016)

A task force created by Ohio Supreme Court Chief Justice Maureen O'Connor to improve public confidence in the system is also exploring the issue. (See Gongwer Ohio Report, April 1, 2016)

In the wake of the settlement, the ACLU of Ohio called for reforms to the criminal justice system.

"Money alone cannot provide justice in the tragic death of this child," Executive Director Christine Link said in a statement. "The web of laws and practices that prevent accountability for police misconduct needs to be taken apart and replaced with concrete solutions to eliminate racial bias in the justice system. Merely paying for police misconduct without addressing the deeper issues will allow this behavior to continue year after year."

Agency Briefs: Auditor Says Village Of Lincoln Heights Doesn't Qualify For Fiscal Distress; ODH; EPA; CSRAB; BMV; MHAS

The Village of Lincoln Heights in Hamilton County doesn't meet the standards for fiscal distress status, State Auditor Dave Yost announced Monday.

Auditor Yost sent a team of auditors to the community April 21, and staff will continue to work in the village as part of its regularly scheduled financial audit.

The village did not meet the conditions for any of the three levels of fiscal distress - fiscal caution, fiscal watch or fiscal emergency - because it is current on pension obligations and its payables, including obligations to the Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, are within 30 days of being paid, according to the auditor's office.

"While the village's budget continues to be tighter than two coats of paint, it's paying its bills," Auditor Yost said in a statement. "The village doesn't meet the standards for any type of fiscal distress oversight. We have been and remain concerned about its fiscal health and will continue to monitor the situation."

Health: The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention issued guidance for outdoor workers, mosquito control workers and business travelers to prevent exposure to the Zika virus, according to ODH.

Ohio has 10 confirmed cases of Zika involving people who returned from affected countries.

For outdoor workers, the CDC recommends workers use insect repellants, wear clothing that covers hands, arms, legs and other exposed skin and get rid of sources of standing water whenever possible. For mosquito control workers, the CDC also recommends they use protection to reduce exposure to hazardous chemicals.

Employers should consider giving business travelers flexibility when traveling to areas with active Zika transmission. The CDC also recommended that pregnant women not travel to any affected area, and that people who return to the U.S. from affected areas try to avoid mosquito bites for three weeks to prevent passing the virus to domestic mosquitoes.

"Workers who are exposed on the job to mosquitoes or the blood or other body fluids of infected individuals may be at risk for occupationally acquired Zika virus infection," ODH Medical Director Dr. Mary DiOrio said in a statement.

ODH will hold a workshop Tuesday to help local health departments and others prepare for mosquito season. The workshop will focus on monitoring and controlling mosquitoes who carry diseases such as Zika and West Nile Virus.

Ohio EPA: The EPA awarded grants totaling more than \$1.6 million to local governments to strengthen recycling and litter prevention efforts. The grants are designed to help expand curbside recycling programs and support infrastructure for recovery facilities.

Grant communities must commit to 50% matching funds.

The EPA also awarded grants for two projects to help companies develop markets for reusing scrap tires.

The agency awarded \$350,000 to Liberty Tire Services of Ohio LLC, in partnership with Jackson Township, to purchase scrap tire processing equipment. A \$50,000 grant went to the Cuyahoga County Soil and Water Conservation District and the St. Clair Superior Development Corporation to buy processing equipment to create geo cells made of scrap tire material.

Ohio Statehouse: The Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board will mark the 151st anniversary of the repose of President Abraham Lincoln's body in the Statehouse Friday with an event involving a group of Civil War reenactors who will provide an honor guard for a replica of the president's casket.

The event will take place in the rotunda from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The 1st Ohio Light Artillery, Battery A reenactors will also hold a Civil War encampment on the grounds of the Statehouse, including cannon firings every half hour.

Bureau of Motor Vehicles: The BMV unveiled a new specialty license plate for female veterans, which was available starting Monday.

The plate is available for any woman currently serving or retired from the Marine Corps, Navy, Army, Air Force and Coast Guard.

"We are proud of these brave women who have served our country, and are pleased that Ohioans can now honor them by displaying the new special plate on their vehicle," BMV Registrar Don Petit said in a statement.

More than 67,000 female veterans live in Ohio. The new plate is one of 40 military-related specialty plates.

"Ohio's women veterans are groundbreakers," said Department of Veterans Services Director Chip Tansill, "They have served with distinction in every war and we thank them for their role in preserving and protecting our freedom."

Mental Health and Addiction Services: Director Tracy Plouck testified before a public hearing of the U.S. Senate Committee on Homeland Security and Governmental Affairs Friday in Cleveland. The hearing was focused on the impact of the opioid epidemic in Ohio, and included Sens. Rob Portman (R-Terrace Park) and Sherrod Brown (D-Avon).

Director Plouck joined Attorney General Mike DeWine and others in testifying about the battle against opioid addiction.

Capitol Scene: Willoughby Moves To AMP; SEIU, Boich Promote

Charles Willoughby, who most recently worked as director of energy and environmental policy at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, has been named director of government affairs for American Municipal Power, Inc.

In the new role, Mr. Willoughby will be the primary Statehouse contact for AMP and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association.

"Charles will work closely with AMP and the Ohio Municipal Electric Association (OMEA) on behalf of our member utilities," said Michael Beirne, vice president of external affairs. "The issues confronting Ohio's municipal electric systems are many and often complex. His background and knowledge will be a great asset to the organizations and our members."

Before joining the Chamber, he was a government affairs consultant to the Industrial Energy Users - Ohio and was policy and legislative liaison for Ohio Attorney General Mike DeWine. He also held staff positions for Rep. Kirk Schuring (R-Canton) when he served in the Senate, and for former Rep. Courtney Combs.

Mr. Willoughby is a graduate of Miami University.

Service Employee Union: SEIU District 1199 announced that Anthony Caldwell has been named director for public affairs.

"We are pleased to announce Anthony Caldwell as our new Director of Public Affairs for SEIU District 1199 WV/KY/OH," president Becky Williams said. "Anthony has spent his career dedicated to improving the lives of working people and working to achieve greater social and economic justice. Caldwell's experience in communications and politics matched with his depth of knowledge of the legislature have prepared him to lead in this important role."

The group is the health care and social service union for West Virginia, Kentucky and Ohio, representing almost 29,000 workers.

Boich: The Boich Companies announced that Mathew T. Evans has been named the firm's president.

In the new position, Mr. Evans will take an increased leadership role as the company continues to diversify in energy markets.

"Obviously, the energy mix in this country has and will be seeing significant changes," Mr. Evans said. "I look forward to helping the company further evolve as we move into the future."

Before the promotion, Mr. Evans was president of external relations for Boich Companies. He joined the company in 2001, and leads the company's government affairs activities at state and federal levels.

Mr. Evans is a former Ohio Senate aide who also worked for former Gov. George V. Voinovich. He also spent five years working in legislative and regulatory affairs for Cinergy, now known as Duke Energy. He is a graduate of Ohio University.

Supplemental Agency Calendar

Tuesday, April 26

Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room West B & C - 31st Floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Thursday, April 28

State Board of Education, Ohio Department of Education, 25 South Front Street, Columbus, 9:30 a.m.

Ethics Commission, 126 S. State St., Meeting Room A, Westerville, 12 p.m. (Advisory Committee)

EMIS Advisory Board, Statehouse Rm. 116, Columbus, 1 p.m.

Friday, April 29

Accountancy Board, Rm. West B&C, 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Thursday, May 5


Ethics Commission, 30 West Spring Street, Meeting Room 2, 2nd Fl., Columbus, 11:30 a.m.

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House Activity for Monday, April 25, 2016

INTRODUCED

HB 529 ■ **FIREARMS (Retherford, W., Hagan, C.)** To provide for firearms training for tactical medical professionals; to permit such a professional who has received that training or comparable training and who is authorized to carry firearms by the law enforcement agency the professional is serving to carry firearms while on duty in the same manner, to the same extent, in the same areas, and subject to the same potential for civil and criminal liability as a law enforcement officer of the agency; and to grant such a professional, while on duty in that capacity, the same right to carry a concealed handgun in this state as a person who was issued a concealed handgun license. Am. 109.71, 109.73, 109.75, 109.79, 109.801, and 2923.126 and to enact sections 109.748 and 109.771

HB 530 ■ **CHILD CARE CENTERS (Retherford, W.)** To provide for the licensure of sick-child care centers. Am. 5104.01, 5104.015, and 5104.99 and to enact sections 5104.0113, 5104.15, 5104.16, and 5104.17

HB 531 ■ **MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENTS (Hill, B.)** To require townships to provide mileage reimbursement to a member of a board of township trustees and to a township fiscal officer for travel within the township that is necessary in the performance of the member's or fiscal officer's duties. Am. 505.242 and 507.091

HB 532 ■ **REAL ESTATE SALES (Smith, R.)** Relating to real estate brokers and salespersons. Am. 4735.01, 4735.06, 4735.07, 4735.09, 4735.10, 4735.141, 4735.18, 4735.24, 4735.51, and 4735.65 and to enact sections 1386, 4735.081, 4735.091, and 4735.23

HB 533 ■ **AWARENESS MONTH (Sprague, R.)** To designate the month of May as "Neurofibromatosis Awareness Month." Am. 5.259

HOUSE SPEAKER'S APPOINTMENTS


Commission on Minority Health: Rep. Sykes

Joint Education Oversight Committee of the House of Representatives and Senate: Rep. Patterson as ranking minority member

Medina County Transportation Improvement District Board of Trustees: Rep. Hambley

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Senate Activity for Monday, April 25, 2016

INTRODUCED

SB 318 ■ **DISCRIMINATION (Skindell, M., Tavares, C.)** To prohibit discrimination on the basis of sexual orientation or gender identity or expression, to add mediation to the list of informal methods by which the Ohio Civil Rights Commission must attempt to induce compliance with Ohio's Civil Rights Law before instituting a formal hearing, and to eliminate certain religious exemptions from the Ohio Civil Rights Law. Am. 9.03, 124.93, 125.111, 153.59, 153.591, 340.12, 511.03, 717.01, 1501.012, 1751.18, 2927.03, 3113.36, 3301.53, 3304.15, 3304.50, 3314.06, 3332.09, 3721.13, 3905.55, 4111.17, 4112.01, 4112.02, 4112.021, 4112.04, 4112.05, 4112.08, 4117.19, 4735.16, 4735.55, 4757.07, 4758.16, 4765.18, 5104.09, 5107.26, 5123.351, 5126.07, 5165.08, 5515.08, and 5709.832

SB 319 ■ **DRUG REGULATIONS (Eklund, J.)** To revise certain laws regarding the regulation of drugs, the practice of pharmacy, and the provision of addiction services. Am. 2925.61, 2929.14, 2947.231, 3707.56, 3719.121, 3719.21, 4729.06, 4729.071, 4729.16, 4729.18, 4729.19, 4729.38, 4729.51, 4729.54, 4729.541, 4729.55, 4729.571, 4729.60, 4729.68, 4729.99, 4731.22, 4731.94, 4776.02, 4776.04, and 5119.391, to enact sections 3707.58, 3707.59, 4729.10, 4729.40, 4729.45, 4729.513, 4729.514, 4729.553, 4729.90, 4729.901, 4729.902, 4729.91, 4729.92, 4729.921, 4729.93, 4729.94, 4729.95, 4729.96, and 4731.943, and to repeal section 4729.42 of the Revised Code and to amend Sections 331.90 and 331.120 of Am. Sub. H.B. 64 of the 131st General Assembly

SB 320 ■ **RENEWABLE ENERGY (Seitz, B.)** To revise the requirements for renewable energy, energy efficiency, and peak demand reduction, to permit property owners to petition municipal corporations and townships for the purpose of developing and implementing special energy improvement projects, to govern condominium association participation in special improvement districts, to require deployment and permit cost recovery of advanced energy analytics technology by electric distribution utilities, and to revise the law governing net metering service provided by electric utilities and electric services companies. Am. 710.01, 1710.02, 1710.06, 1710.13, 3706.25, 4582.06, 4582.31, 4928.01, 4928.02, 4928.55, 4928.64, 4928.66, 4928.662, 4928.6610, and 4928.67; to recodify section 4928.67 as sections

4928.6711, 4928.6713, 4928.6715, 4928.6717, 4928.6723, and 4928.6725;
and to enact sections 1710.20, 1710.21, 1710.22, 1710.24, 1710.241,
1710.26, 1710.28, 3745.28, 4928.41, 4928.6620, 4928.6621, 4928.671,
4928.672, 4928.673, 4928.676, 4928.677, 4928.679, 4928.6719, and
4928.6721

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SR 443 ■ **RAIL CREWS (Skindell, M.)** To support the Federal Railroad Administration's proposed rule requiring trains operated in the United States to have at least a two-person crew.

SCR 20 ■ **AGRICULTURAL TECHNOLOGY (Peterson, B.)** To support the use of science-based data to assess the impacts and regulation of modern agricultural technologies, and to oppose federal, state, or local legislative or regulatory actions that are not based on sound science and that may result in unnecessary restrictions on the use of modern agricultural technologies.

SENATE PRESIDENT'S APPOINTMENTS

Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues: Appoint Sen. LaRose to replace Sen. Manning

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Daily Activity Planner for Tuesday, April 26

Legislative Committees

House Ways & Means (Committee Record) (Chr. McClain, J., 644-6265), Rm. 121, 9:30 a.m.

- SB 172** ■ **BULLION TAXES** (Jordan, K.) To exempt from sales and use taxes the sale or use of investment metal bullion and coins. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)
- HB 473** ■ **TAX POLICY** (Amstutz, R.) To require voter approval before a county may levy a new utilities services tax, to allow small businesses to count employees of related or affiliated entities towards satisfying the employment criteria of the business investment tax credit, to permit a bad debt refund for cigarette and tobacco product excise taxes paid when a purchaser fails to pay a dealer for the cigarettes or tobacco products and the unpaid amount is charged off as uncollectible by the dealer, and to allow vendors to receive a refund of sales taxes remitted for bad debts on private label credit cards when the debt is charged off as uncollectible by the credit card lender. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 297** ■ **TAX CREDIT** (Hill, B.) To authorize a refundable income tax credit for current livestock owners who invest in a manure storage or treatment facility or acquire manure application equipment or manure handling and transportation equipment. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- House Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Brenner, A., 466-6711), Rm. 017, overflow in 018, 9:30 a.m.
- Presentation from the Ohio Department of Education on value-added.
- HB 524** ■ **SCHOOL RATINGS** (Cupp, R., Smith, R.) To review the value-added progress dimension measure used for purposes of state report card ratings for school districts and schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 487** ■ **BILITERACY** (LaTourette, S., Roegner, K.) To require the State Board of Education to establish the state Seal of Biliteracy to be attached or affixed to the high school transcripts of qualifying students. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 481** ■ **STUDENT ENROLLMENT** (Thompson, A., Koehler, K.) To revise the requirements regarding student enrollment reporting for public schools, mandatory student withdrawal policies, and scholarship program eligibility relative to students who choose not to take state assessments during the 2015-2016 school year and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- HB 137** ■ **ORGAN DONATION** (Grossman, C., Phillips, D.) To require the health curriculum of each school district to include instruction on the positive effects of organ and tissue donation. (4th Hearing-Possible vote)

Senate State & Local Government (Committee Record) (Chr. Uecker, J., 466-8082), North Hearing Rm., 9:45 a.m.

SB 220 **DEFERRED COMPENSATION** (Hottinger, J.) To authorize the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board and local governments to establish designated Roth account features and other tax-deferred or nontax-deferred features permitted for government deferred compensation plans. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

HB 359 **ADDRESS CONFIDENTIALITY** (Duffey, M., Gonzales, A.) To create an address confidentiality program for victims of domestic violence, menacing by stalking, human trafficking, trafficking in persons, rape, or sexual battery. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

SCR 15 **FEDERALISM** (Obhof, L., Faber, K.) To reassert the principles of federalism found throughout the Constitution of the United States of America and embodied in the Tenth Amendment, to notify Congress to limit and end certain mandates, and to insist that federal legislation contravening the Tenth Amendment be prohibited or repealed. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 240 **CORONER LAW** (Huffman, S., Johnson, T.) To recognize that coroners include medical examiners; to change the qualifications for holding office as a coroner of a charter county; to require, under certain conditions, and to authorize, under other conditions, supplemental compensation for coroners who are forensic pathologists; to revise how the office of coroner is filled when a vacancy cannot be filled by election or appointment; to specify the disposition of a firearm when a person meets death under certain circumstances; to specify who pays for the autopsy of an inmate of a state correctional facility; and to make other changes to the coroners' law. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 305 **RETIREMENT SYSTEMS** (Schuring, K.) To include new nonteaching employees of The University of Akron as members in the Public Employees Retirement System and to make an appropriation for the University's School Employees Retirement System employer surcharge payments. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Smith, R., 466-1366), Rm. 313, 10 a.m.

SB 310 **CAPITAL APPROPRIATIONS** (Oelslager, S.) To make capital appropriations and changes to the law governing capital projects for the biennium ending June 30, 2018. (1st Hearing-Sponsor-Pending referral)

HB 475 **FILM TAX CREDITS** (Schuring, K.) To authorize motion picture companies to transfer the authority to claim refundable motion picture tax credits to other persons, to adjust how the credit is calculated, to increase the total amount of credits that may be awarded per year, to remove the limit on the maximum credit amount that may be awarded to a motion picture, and to create a job training program for resident film crew members. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 500 **CASE MANAGEMENT** (Arndt, S.) To revise the Comprehensive Case Management and Employment Program, to establish a case management pilot program, to transfer cash from the Economic Development Program Fund (Fund 5JC0) to the Case Management Pilot Program Fund (Fund 5SK0), and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
Senate Insurance (Committee Record) (**Chr. Hottinger, J., 466-5838**), **South Hearing Rm., 10:30 a.m.**

HB 207 **WORKERS COMPENSATION** (Henne, M., McColley, R.) To allow a state fund employer to have a workers' compensation claim that is likely to be subrogated by a third party paid from the surplus fund account in the state insurance fund rather than charged to the employer's experience (4th Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments & vote)

SB 273 **CORPORATE GOVERNANCE** (Bacon, K.) To enact the Corporate Governance Annual Disclosure Act. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
~~Canceled: House Session (Chr. Rosenberger, C., 466-3357), House Chamber, 11 a.m.~~

- **If needed**

~~Canceled: Senate Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Faber, K., 466-7584), Majority Conf. Rm., 11 a.m.~~
Senate Agriculture (Committee Record) (**Chr. Hite, C., 466-8150**), **North Hearing Rm., 11 a.m.**

HB 178 **WINE SALES** (Manning, N.) To establish the F-10 liquor permit to authorize certain A-2 permit holders to sell Ohio wines at farmers markets. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 342 **WINERY PERMITS** (Young, R.) To create the Ohio Farm Winery Permit. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 187 **ANIMAL TREATMENT** (Ginter, T.) To authorize specified emergency personnel to provide certain emergency medical services to an injured dog or cat. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)

SB 151 **DOGS LAW** (Beagle, B.) To revise provisions of the Dogs Law governing nuisance, dangerous, and vicious dogs, to revise enforcement of that Law, and to establish a notification process regarding complaints of certain violations of that Law. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 60 **COMPANION ANIMAL ABUSE** (Hall, D., Patmon, B.) To revise provisions and penalties regarding treatment of companion animals, to revise the definition of "companion animal" in the Offenses Relating to Domestic Animals Law, and to provide a state collaborative effort to assist veterinarians in identifying clients who may use their animals to secure opioids for abuse. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Financial Institutions (Committee Record) (**Chr. Hughes, J., 466-5981**), **Finance Hearing Rm., 11:15 a.m.**

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of John Brown, and Jordan Miller, Jr., Banking Commission and Fred DeBiasi, Jr., Savings and Loan Association and Savings Bank Board.

HB 317 ■ **IDENTITY THEFT (Maag, R.)** To enable the parents or guardian of a protected consumer to freeze that consumer's credit to protect the consumer from identity theft. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

HB 303 ■ **DEED PROGRAM (Dever, J., McColley, R.)** To create the D.O.L.L.A.R. Deed Program. (3rd Hearing-Opponent)

House Rules & Reference (Committee Record) (Chr. Amstutz, R., 466-1474), Rm. 119, 1 p.m.

HB 429 ■ **AUTO TECHNICIANS (Antani, N., Reineke, B.)** Regarding employers of automotive technicians and motor vehicle technicians participating in the Incumbent Workforce Training Voucher Program. (1st Hearing-Possible amendments & vote)

~~Canceled: Senate Session (Chr. Faber, K., 466-4900), Senate Chamber, 1:30 p.m.~~

~~Canceled: Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues, Joint Legislative Task Force on Department of Transportation Issues (Chr. Manning, G., 466-9690, Chr. Grossman, C., 466-9690), TBD, 2 p.m.~~

- Tentative meeting

House Financial Institutions, Housing & Urban Development (Committee Record) (Chr. Terhar, L., 466-8258), Rm. 113, 2:15 p.m.

HB 418 ■ **SENIOR HOUSING (Barnes, J.)** To enact the "Senior Housing Relief Act" to prohibit the sale of delinquent property tax certificates for homesteads owned for at least 20 years by a person aged 65 or older. (2nd Hearing-Proponent-Possible substitute)

HB 463 ■ **MORTGAGE FORECLOSURES (Dever, J.)** To establish expedited actions to foreclose mortgages on vacant and abandoned residential properties, to permit private selling officers to conduct judicial and execution sales of real property, to state the intent of the General Assembly regarding mortgage foreclosure actions, to revise the Commercial Paper Law relating to mortgages and lost instruments, and to make other changes relative to foreclosure actions. (3rd Hearing-All testimony-Possible amendments)

House Energy & Natural Resources (Committee Record) (Chr. Landis, A., 466-8035), Rm. 017, 2:30 p.m.

HB 512 ■ **WATER SYSTEMS (Ginter, T.)** To establish requirements governing lead and copper testing for community and nontransient noncommunity water systems, to revise the law governing lead contamination from plumbing fixtures, to make appropriations to the Facilities Construction Commission for purposes of providing grants for lead fixture replacement in eligible schools, and to revise the laws governing the Water Pollution Control Loan and

Drinking Water Assistance Funds. (1st Hearing-Sponsor & proponent-
Pending referral)

House Government Accountability & Oversight (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T.,
466-8104), Rm. 121, 2:30 p.m.

- HJR 6** **TERRORIST NATIONS** (Johnson, T.) Proposing to enact Section 18 of Article VIII of the Constitution of the State of Ohio to prohibit state agencies and the state's public retirement systems from contracting with and investing in companies with certain business operations in countries designated as state sponsors of terrorism and to require state agencies and public retirement systems to divest investments from such companies. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- SB 213** **COSMETOLOGY LAW** (Jordan, K., Tavares, C.) To make changes to the Cosmetology Licensing Law. (2nd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 471** **COMMISSION ELIMINATION** (Brown, T.) To formally abolish certain boards and commissions that have completed their work and to abolish the Compact with Ohio Cities Task Force. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 476** **STATE CONTRACTING** (Schuring, K.) To prohibit a state agency from contracting with a company that is boycotting Israel or disinvesting from Israel. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)
- HB 504** **PUBLIC RECORDS** (Schuring, K.) To generally protect a private, nonprofit institution of higher education from liability for a breach of confidentiality or other claim that arises from the institution's disclosure of public records. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

House Select Committee on Medical Marijuana (Chr. Schuring, K., 752-2438), Rm. 313, 3 p.m.

- HB 523** **MEDICAL MARIJUANA** (Huffman, S.) To authorize the use of marijuana for medical purposes and to establish the Medical Marijuana Control Program. (4th Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Finance (Committee Record) (Chr. Oelslager, S., 466-0626), Finance Hearing Rm., 3 p.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointments of Susan Block, Ohio Arts Council; Phil Collins, University of Cincinnati Board of Trustees; Michael Flowers, Minority Development Financing Advisory Board; Will Lucas, University of Toledo Board of Trustees; John Martin, Ohio Higher Educational Facility Commission and William Scala and Joseph Gingo, University of Akron Board of Trustees

- HB 50** **ADOPTION ASSISTANCE** (Pelanda, D., Grossman, C.) To extend the age for which a person is eligible for federal foster care and adoption assistance payments under Title IV-E to age twenty-one, to provide a ward's bill of rights, to require that a guardian receive the Ohio Guardianship Guide, and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

- SB 267** **VEHICLE FUELS** (Seitz, B., Peterson, B.) To create the Gaseous Fuel Vehicle Conversion Program, to allow a credit against the income or commercial activity tax for the purchase or conversion of an alternative fuel vehicle, to apply the motor fuel tax to the distribution or sale of compressed natural gas, to authorize a temporary, partial motor fuel tax exemption for sales of liquid and compressed natural gas used as motor fuel, and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 274** **FINANCIAL LITERACY** (Seitz, B.) To require the Chancellor of Higher Education to create the SmartOhio Financial Literacy Pilot Program at the University of Cincinnati to operate for the 2016-2017 school year and to make an appropriation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- SB 298** **COMMUNITY SCHOOL CONTRACTS** (Schiavoni, J.) Regarding community school operator contracts and the operation of Internet- and computer-based community schools. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)
- House Judiciary** (Committee Record) (**Chr. Butler, J., 644-6008**), **Rm. 116, 3:30 p.m.**
- HB 268** **HUMAN TRAFFICKING** (Hall, D., Dever, J.) To expand the list of human trafficking-related convictions and delinquency adjudications that may be expunged, to increase the penalties for compelling prostitution and promoting prostitution, and to authorize intervention in lieu of conviction for persons charged with committing an offense while a victim of compelling prostitution. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 353** **SEX OFFENDERS** (Ruhl, M.) To require a sheriff to mail a notice to every adult member of a household where a person who is required to register as a sex offender resides informing those household members that the person has committed a sexually oriented offense or a child-victim oriented offense. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 439** **VOYEURISM** (Anielski, M.) To include an impaired person as a victim of voyeurism and to include conduct involving an impaired person within the offenses of pandering obscenity involving a minor, pandering sexually oriented matter involving a minor, and illegal use of a minor in a nudity-oriented material or performance. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)
- HB 446** **OVI OFFENSES** (Manning, N.) To specify that the prison term that may be imposed for a third degree felony operating a vehicle while intoxicated ("OVI") offense is a definite period of twelve, eighteen, twenty-four, thirty, thirty-six, forty-two, forty-eight, fifty-four, or sixty months, to add "harmful intoxicant" to the definition of "drug of abuse" for the purposes of commercial driver's licensing law, to allow a person to assert the existing affirmative defense of driving in an emergency with regard to a prosecution for driving under a suspended driver's license under specified laws, and to specify that certain enhanced penalties for speeding violations apply regardless of whether the offender previously has been convicted of or pleaded guilty to speeding. (3rd Hearing-All testimony)

HB 488 **CIVIL LIABILITY** (Sprague, R.) To modify the qualified immunity from civil liability for volunteer health care services provided to indigent and uninsured persons and to permit health care professionals to earn continuing education credit by providing volunteer health care services to indigent and uninsured persons. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

Sunset Review Committee (Committee Record) (Chr. Brown, T., 466-8104), South Hearing Rm., 3:30 p.m.

- The panel will hear testimony from the Ohio Geographically Referenced Information Program Council, Utility Radiological Safety Board, Backflow Advisory Board, Electrical Safety Inspector Advisory Committee, State Fire Council, Citizen's Advisory Council and Student Tuition Recovery Authority. **House Community & Family Advancement** (Committee Record) (Chr. Derickson, T., 644-5094), Rm. 114, 4 p.m.

HB 493 **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING** (Sears, B., Ryan, S.) To make changes in the child abuse and neglect reporting law. (2nd Hearing-Sponsor & proponent)

HB 63 **CHILD ABUSE REPORTING** (Pelanda, D., Grossman, C.) To require mandatory reporters of child abuse or neglect to notify the county public children services agency when an attorney in fact under a document that purports to grant parental rights requests services from them, to require the agency to investigate the child's placement with the attorney in fact, and to require the agency to file a dependency complaint if it determines that the placement is unsafe for the child. (6th Hearing-All testimony-Possible vote)

Senate Transportation, Commerce & Labor (Committee Record) (Chr. LaRose, F., 466-4823), North Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.

- Confirmation hearing on governor's appointment of Scott Williams, State Fire Commission

SB 315 **TRANSPORTATION FUNDING** (Manning, G.) To make supplemental appropriations related to transportation for the biennium beginning July 1, 2015, and ending June 30, 2017, and to declare an emergency. (1st Hearing-All testimony)

Senate Education (Committee Record) (Chr. Lehner, P., 466-4538), Finance Hearing Rm., 4 p.m.

- The panel will hear a presentation from the Department of Education on the Value Added progress measure and consider the governor's appointment of Robert McDonald Jr. to the State Board of Education

HB 113 **CPR TRAINING** (Grossman, C., Manning, N.) To require instruction in cardiopulmonary resuscitation and the use of an automated external defibrillator as a requirement for high school graduation. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

HB 425 **RELIGIOUS EXPRESSION** (Hayes, B.) Regarding student religious expression. (1st Hearing-Sponsor)

SB 297 **STUDENT EXPULSIONS** (Hughes, J.) With respect to the expulsion of a student from a school district, community school, or STEM school for

communicating a threat of violence to occur on school grounds. (2nd Hearing-Proponent)

Agency Calendar

Board of Building Appeals, Division of Industrial Compliance, 6606 Tussing Road, Training Room 1, Reynoldsburg, 9 a.m.

Health Services Price Disclosure Study Committee, Lazarus Building, 5th Floor, 141 S. High St., Columbus, 9 a.m.

Minority Development Financing Advisory Board, Rm. East B., 31st Fl., 77 S. High St., Columbus, 10 a.m.

Racing Commission, 77 South High St., Room West B & C - 31st Floor, Columbus, 10 a.m.

Event Planner

League of Women Voters of Ohio's annual Statehouse Day

CFAES Research and Extension Legislative Luncheon (Ohio State University), Statehouse Atrium, Columbus, 11 a.m.

Ohio House Democratic Caucus fundraiser, Rambling House, 310 E. Hudson St., Columbus, 5 p.m., (Sponsor: \$2,500, \$1,000, \$500, \$250 to House Democratic Caucus Fund and/or Committee to Elect Fred Strahorn)

Rep. Barbara Sears (R-Monclova Township) fundraiser, Athletic Club of Columbus - Tally Ho Room, 136 E. Broad Street, Columbus, 5 p.m., (Chair: \$1,000; Sponsor: \$500; Individual: \$350 to Citizens for Sears)

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From: Rep93
Sent: Wednesday, April 27, 2016 11:54 AM
To: 'troy tackett'
Subject: RE: Don't pre-empt local efforts to raise the minimum wage

Mr. Tackett,

Thank you for reaching out.
I am not aware of any efforts underway in Ohio to remove local government's authority for minimum wage changes. We will keep your input in mind if a proposal does come forward.

Please let us know if we can do anything additionally to assist you,

Taylor Stepp
Legislative Aide for Representative Ryan Smith
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Subject: Don't pre-empt local efforts to raise the minimum wage

Apr 24, 2016

State Representative Ryan Smith
Vern Riffe Center, 13th Floor
77 South High Street
Columbus, OH 43215-6111

Dear State Representative Smith,

As someone who is concerned about the American economy, I strongly urge you to oppose any effort to undermine local initiatives to raise the minimum wage in your state's communities -- especially those now being advanced by the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC).

Most disturbing is how the corporate interests at ALEC are influencing state legislators to the point of providing online templates for bills that advance their profits at the expense of workers and taxpayers.

PR Watch says "corporate interests and groups like the American Legislative Exchange Council (ALEC) have increasingly been turning to state 'preemption' measures -- some of them unprecedentedly aggressive -- to override an array of progressive policy gains at the city or county level," adding that the director of the watchdog group Preemption Watch noted that "2015 saw more efforts to undermine local control on more issues than any year in history,"

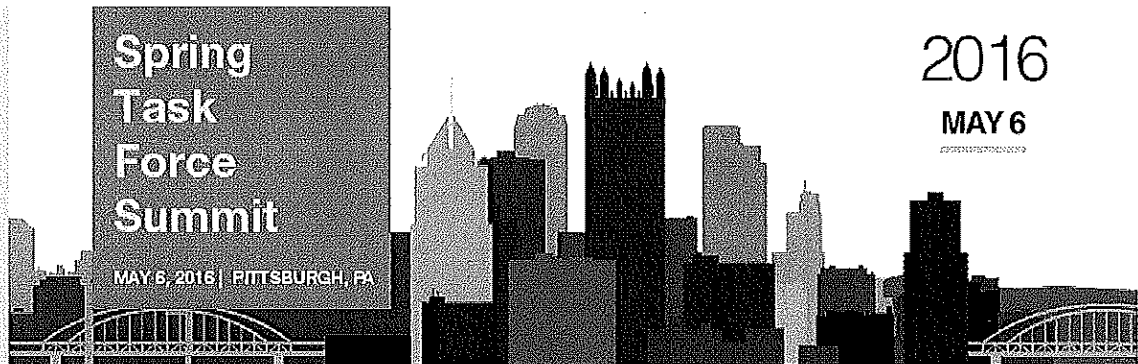
State General Assemblies that work to circumvent local efforts to secure a higher minimum wage are potentially thwarting the will of the people and shackling the working poor to starvation wages.

Therefore I, the undersigned, insist that all states reject any legislation that prohibits or otherwise undermines local efforts to raise the minimum wage.

Sincerely,

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INNOVATION AND OPPORTUNITY

The Contribution of Charter Schools to Public Education

WASHINGTON DC- In 1991, at a time when many yearned for transformation in education, states responded with an innovation of the traditional public school model – charter schools. The idea was that teachers would coalesce to create diverse schooling options for parents to ensure that their children would be able to attend the school that best fit their needs. Twenty-five years later, such choices are continuing to fuel widespread discoveries in teaching and learning and creating greater educational opportunities for all students.

Charters were intended - explains their intellectual Godfather Ted Kolderie - to "differ in fundamental ways from the district sector" with four important elements: **Innovation** from the standard model, **Accountability**, operating as outcome based not process driven; **Autonomy** to avoid bureaucracy, and **Choice**, "on the theory that we do not assign people to innovations."

While millions are participating in this critical and transformative reform effort, many millions more remain unaware of what is working in chartering and how best to ensure that great public policies governing charter schools are accessible to more families in every state. This National Charter Schools Week (May 1-7), the Center for Education Reform is dedicated to growing public awareness of the original vision of charter schools and those that still embody that vision, making education better for the hundreds of thousands of parents, teachers, students, community leaders, policymakers, and entrepreneurs that work in and around those schools daily.

Please join us in elevating the importance of charter schools this week by logging on daily to www.edreform.com and showcasing promising practices and discussions, while addressing the very real challenges that prevent more students from having the education they need and deserve.

HAPPENING THIS WEEK!

MON, MAY 2 – Check out [@EDREFORM's NCSW16 HUB](#) daily for notices of events, stories of success, challenges and opportunities. Then download your charter school logo, messages and get the facts on charter schools from our colleagues at the [National Alliance for Public Charter Schools](#).

TUES, MAY 3 – Teacher Appreciation Day. Join the National Alliance for Public Charter Schools in a salute to teachers.

WED, MAY 4 – Boston, MA: [Best Practices from Urban Charter Public Schools](#)

8:00 – 10:00 AM *The Pioneer Institute continues its work on improving urban schools through chartering with this forum, which includes CER Founder Jeanne Allen, Deborah McGriff, Managing Partner of New Schools Venture Fund, and more.*

THURS, MAY 5 – UNC, Chapel Hill: [Kemp Forum on Expanding Opportunity](#)

3:00–6:00 PM Streamed Live. *The Center for Education Reform, in partnership with The Jack Kemp Foundation and Opportunity Lives, will welcome Congressman Luke Messer, and state and national policymakers for a critical look at upward mobility through education opportunity.*

**FRIDAY, MAY 6 – Pittsburgh, PA: The New Education Opportunity
Agenda**

12:00 –1:00 PM American Legislative Exchange Council. *This CER-sponsored lunch features David Hardy, CER Board Member and Founder of the Philadelphia-based Boys Latin Charter School, and Max Eden of the Manhattan Institute to discuss how increasing regulatory fervor is closing the door on opportunities for students.*

For more information about events and programs, contact Michelle Tigani, Communications Director, 301-802-6119 or michelle@edreform.com.

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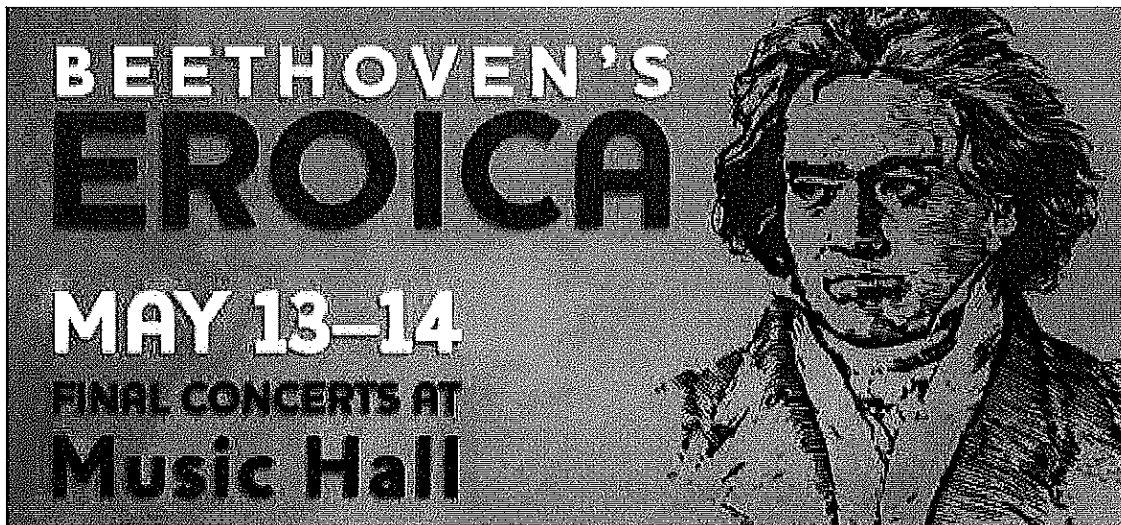
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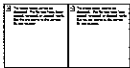
A memorable weekend is in store for this final program of the 2015-16 season, starting with the world premiere of music by acclaimed Chinese-American composer Zhou Tian, presented as part of Louis Langrée's Concerto for Orchestra Project.

Beethoven's compelling *Eroica* Symphony, which never ceases to thrill audiences with its grandeur, boldness and memorable themes, will bring this program and this season to a resounding conclusion. Not only did *Eroica* mark a turning point in Beethoven's development as a composer, but its massive, unprecedented scale also marked a turning point in musical history.

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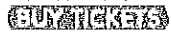
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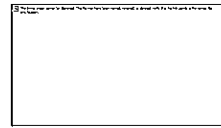
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Tuesday, May 10, 2016



TOP NEWS

3 Ways To Prepare For The New Foreign Student Work Rule

A new rule going into effect Tuesday will give some foreign students an extra seven months of work authorization, but certain students and employers will only have a short window to capitalize on the rule, so they'll need to work fast to create required training plans. Here, attorneys share advice on how employers can prepare for the new optional practical training regulation.

Garland Rarely Dissented Or Drew Dissents, Report Finds

In 19 years on the D.C. Circuit, U.S. Supreme Court nominee Merrick Garland wrote only 16 dissents, a mere fraction of the figures from both Democratic and Republican appointees on the appeals court, according to a liberal judicial watchdog group's Monday report portraying Garland as a "consensus" jurist above the political fray.

NC, DOJ File Lawsuits Over State's Transgender Bathroom Law

The Justice Department isn't backing down from a fight with North Carolina over a law that limits transgender state employees' access to restrooms, filing a countersuit Monday just

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hours after Gov. Pat McCrory asked a court to declare the law is not discriminatory.

Banking Groups Call For Global Norms For Cybersecurity Regs

The European Banking Federation and other industry groups on Monday teamed up to push policymakers responsible for setting cybersecurity and technology standards for financial markets to adhere to a set of common principles to ensure the creation of effective policies that won't fragment global business models.

Senators Announce Breakthrough On TSCA Reform Bill Talks

The leaders of the U.S. Senate Environment and Public Works Committee on Friday said they have come to an agreement on "key sticking points" of the much-anticipated reforms to the outdated Toxic Substances Control Act of 1976.

ANALYSIS

3 Takeaways From NC, DOJ Transgender Bathroom Suits

The U.S. Department of Justice and North Carolina traded lawsuits Monday over the state's controversial transgender bathroom law, opening the door for courts to clarify whether federal anti-discrimination statutes protect sexual orientation and gender identity. Here, Law360 looks at three things employers should keep in mind as they wait for the dueling lawsuits to play out.

Cross-Border Crowdfunding Boom Would Test EU Regulators

The European Union's restrained approach toward regulating crowdfunding — by largely deferring to local regimes — should enable the budding fundraising tool to grow, experts say, though they warn that continental regulators will

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need to develop a more coherent plan if crowdfunding expands across borders.

EPA Unlikely To Shed Gold King Stigma Anytime Soon

A recent push for a criminal investigation of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's role in triggering the Gold King Mine spill will make it harder for the agency to put the disaster behind it, even if it can satisfy persistent compensation and cleanup concerns for the Navajo Nation, states and other stakeholders.

4 Big Questions Dogging FCC's Plan To 'Unlock' Set-Top Box

Federal Communications Commission Chairman Tom Wheeler has the backing of the White House and seems intent on advancing his plan to "unlock" the pay-TV set-top box this year, but experts said he is heading into an uphill battle fraught with complications that could still kill or overtake the proposal. Here, Law360 looks at some tough questions the agency must resolve to move ahead.

BANKING & SECURITIES

Brokerage Tells 4th Circ. To Speed Up Appeal On FINRA

A brokerage challenging the Financial Industry Regulatory Authority's power asked the Fourth Circuit to expedite its appeal Friday, arguing that the agency has not shown any evidence it would be harmed if the process were sped up.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

Senate Dems Reject \$37.5B Energy Spending Bill For 3rd Time

Senate Democrats on Monday once again refused to allow a \$37.5 billion bill funding federal energy, water development and certain weapons programs for 2017 to move forward, as a stalemate continued over a proposed

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OneBeacon Insurance Group, LTD

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Premier Blue Cross

amendment they claimed would undermine the administration's recent nuclear deal with Iran.

Conservatives Push For Slower Ozone Regulation

Sixty conservative groups Monday asked congressional leaders to re-evaluate the U.S. standard for ozone emissions and the process for changing that rule, arguing the government needs better checks on how its regulations affect those struggling to comply.

Feds Say Idaho Can't Sue Over Sage Grouse Habitat Regs

The federal government and conservation groups supporting its decision to approve land management plans that emphasize protections for the greater sage grouse further urged a federal judge Friday to end Idaho's legal challenge to the plans, saying the state lacks standing.

Oil Firms Press 9th Circ. To Rethink Polar Bear Habitat

Oil companies and indigenous groups Friday urged the Ninth Circuit to rethink its upholding of the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service's designation of a critical polar bear habitat in Alaska, arguing that parts of the FWS rule were not supported with enough evidence.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

End To Ariz. Abortion Pill Limits Now Up To Governor

The Arizona Legislature approved a bill Friday that would do away with a measure Gov. Doug Ducey recently enacted to limit women's access to medication-induced abortion and would undo a separate requirement that physicians tell women abortions can be reversed.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Public Knowledge

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Internal Revenue Service

International Trade Commission

Navajo Nation

New York Attorney General's Office

Occupational Safety and Health Administration

Salt River Pima-Maricopa Indian Community

Amtrak Blasts Railroads' Bid To Block Proposed On-Time Rule

Amtrak fired back at freight railroads' request that the Surface Transportation Board abandon its efforts to clarify how it applies a timeliness metric to investigate railroads for passenger train delays, saying a recent D.C. Circuit ruling in a related dispute does not kill the proposed rule-making.

Uber, Lyft Leave Austin After Failed Push To Change Regs

Ride-hailing apps Uber and Lyft on Monday stopped offering their services in Austin, Texas, after the city's voters rejected an ordinance supported by the companies that would have eliminated a city requirement that drivers be vetted using a fingerprint-based background check.

REAL ESTATE

NJ High Court Won't Review Rent Control Atty Fee Row

The New Jersey Supreme Court has declined to review an appeals court's decision that a class of Hoboken, New Jersey, property owners who contend that their lawsuit forced rent control reforms in the city couldn't recoup counsel fees because other factors contributed to the changes.

EMPLOYMENT

SEIU Illinois Says State's OT Cap For Caregivers Is Cruel

The Service Employees International Union representing Illinois home health workers has filed a complaint with the state's labor board over a new Illinois Department of Human Services policy capping the workers' overtime hours.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

Securities and Exchange Commission

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U.S. Department of Homeland Security

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U.S. Department of Justice

U.S. Department of the Interior

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office

U.S. Senate

U.S. Supreme Court

ACLU Sues Miss. Over Law Shielding Anti-Gay Beliefs

An engaged same-sex couple and the American Civil Liberties Union of Mississippi on Monday sued the state in federal court over a recently enacted bill that provides protection to those who say their religious beliefs were violated by the U.S. Supreme Court's legalization of same-sex marriage.

GOVERNMENT CONTRACTS

Sec. 8 Notices Met Norms, LA Housing Auth. Tells Justices

Los Angeles' housing authority has asked the U.S. Supreme Court to overturn a Ninth Circuit ruling that Section 8 residents had a property right in receiving understandable notice that their benefits were decreasing, saying no such notice was required by statute or regulations.

Docs, Drugmakers Call Medicare Pay Experiment Unlawful

Doctors and drugmakers launched intense attacks Monday on a controversial proposal to overhaul drug payments in Medicare Part B, accusing regulators of overstepping their powers.

TAX

Casino Says Prop. Tax Break Critics Minimized Gaming Taxes

An investigation released Sunday by a government watchdog group that highlights the \$4 million in property tax breaks Illinois' most profitable casino has received over the past few years downplays that nearly half of the casino's \$400 million in yearly revenue is paid out in state gaming taxes, a company spokesman told Law360 Monday.

Chamber Seeks More Time On Inversion Earnings Rules

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce asked Friday for more time to respond to proposed IRS

regulations that address so-called earnings stripping following an inversion, saying that while it knew the rules were in the pipeline, their "breadth, scope and consequences" were greater than previously suggested.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Two Tribes Leave Arizona Gaming Group Over Casino Row

Two Arizona Native American tribes have withdrawn from a local tribal gaming association over the organization's alleged failure to pick a side in a fight involving the Tohono O'odham Nation, rival tribes and the state of Arizona over a \$400 million casino in Glendale.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

CBS, Disney Tell FCC Content At Risk In Set-Top Box Plan

A group of companies including CBS, Walt Disney Co., Time Warner Inc. and ESPN Inc. have told the Federal Communications Commission that its set-top box plan could harm key protections on programming and disrupt licensing arrangements, urging the agency to address such issues in its final rule.

Google Sees Pay Dirt In Vacant Channel Rule, FCC Told

Google's lobbying for a Federal Communications Commission proposal to set aside TV station white space for wireless purposes is an attempt to obtain more spectrum and would ultimately disenfranchise some licensees and viewers, broadcasters said Friday, urging the agency to focus instead on the spectrum auction.

NEW YORK

2nd Circ. Asked To Rethink NY Nonresident Atty Office Rule

A New Jersey-based lawyer has urged the Second Circuit to rehear en banc its split

decision that a New York law requiring nonresident attorneys to keep a physical office in the state is constitutional, arguing that it essentially rewrote the law to rescue it.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

UK Will Follow US Lead On DPA Pilot Program

The U.K.'s deferred prosecution agreement regime is based on U.S. practice, so the success or otherwise of the U.S. Department of Justice's new DPA pilot program will be keenly watched in the U.K. to determine if they should take similar steps, say Alistair Graham and Chris Roberts at Mayer Brown LLP.

Navigating Choice Of Law Provisions For Offshore Contracts

Understanding how the Outer Continental Shelf Lands Act can impact contractual choice of law provisions for offshore projects can help oil and gas companies avoid exposure to unforeseen liabilities. Robert Garner and Michael Yates at King & Spalding LLP explain important factors to consider when determining what choice of law will apply to offshore service contracts as well as the potential commercial impacts of OCLSA jurisdiction.

Patent Reform Beyond The Innovation Act: The VENUE Act

In contrast to the Innovation Act and the PATENT Act, which are designed to address a myriad of issues all at once, the Venue Equity and Non-Uniformity Elimination Act is targeted to a single issue — venue, seeking to narrow and simplify where a plaintiff/patentee may sue for patent infringement. But despite the narrow scope, staunch opponents likely still exist, say attorneys with Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP.

New Florida Legislation Will Facilitate P3 Projects

Until now, the Florida Department of Transportation was limited in the types of projects it could finance using bonds. The creation of the Florida Transportation Financing Corporation will not replace these traditional funding mechanisms, but will provide another way for the FDOT to finance a wider range of much needed transportation projects, say Bruce Giles-Klein and Timothy Green at Greenberg Traurig LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

How To Turn Nonbillable Work Into Big Bucks

With an ever-increasing focus on billable hours, it's easy for attorneys to forget the importance of the time clients aren't covering. However, experts say that embracing nonbillable hours as opportunities for client development or attorney growth can add as much value to the firm as landing a new case. Here, lawyers and experts talk about the best way to invest that time to help the firm prosper.

3 Recent Rulings On Client Conflicts You Should Know

With the library of case law on conflicts of interest always expanding, we're here to help you stay caught up. Here's a trio of recent orders on conflict waivers, concurrent representation of company affiliates, and challenges to firms doing patent work for competitors that you need to know about.

Dentons Doubles Down On Global Push In Client Referral Play

Dentons' planned foray into the legal referral network business could pay off for the ever-expanding firm through new allegiances with partners who cannot win access to — or pay the dues for — existing membership groups, as well as broader name recognition for the firm in far-flung areas of the globe, experts said Monday.

100 Oral Arguments: How A DOJ Atty Made High Court History

Michael Dreeben's first oral argument at the U.S. Supreme Court was memorable for all the wrong reasons. His case was mocked by Justice Antonin Scalia. He was out-dueled by a brilliant young lawyer named John Roberts. He lost 9-0. And yet it sparked a supernova career for Dreeben, who last month delivered his 100th argument, a milestone achieved by only seven other attorneys in the high court's history.

Panama Papers Data Dump Includes BigLaw Intermediaries

A group of international journalists who released the so-called Panama Papers, which exposed the use of shell companies by wealthy individuals to hide their money from tax authorities, released data on Monday related to more than 200,000 such companies, including information about BigLaw firms named in a prior data leak.

Fledgling Firm Wilkinson Walsh Loses Managing Partner

Newly launched trial boutique Wilkinson Walsh + Eskovitz PLLC has lost a managing partner, Eric Liebeler — who co-founded the firm after working in-house at Siemens Corp. and as a partner with Kirkland & Ellis.

UK Lawyers Show Drop In Business Confidence, Report Finds

More than half of U.K. lawyers are planning for growth in the future despite a fall in business confidence and performance since last year and a pervasive belief that there are still tough times ahead, according to a new report.

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government dictates multiple aspects of the insurance plan and the beneficial aspects of real market competition are lost. Once expansion occurs, it will be extremely difficult to roll back. Federal law blocks states from backing out of the expansion under a provision called “Maintenance of Effort,” which requires states to fund a program at the initially agreed-upon level, regardless of the amount of federal funding received. Ohio provides yet another cautionary tale for states that have not expanded Medicaid. Medicaid expansion is an expensive endeavor that research shows fails to provide better or more affordable health care.

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PETITIONS TO YOU:

Ohio: Mandatory For all Special Education Facilities to have Video Cameras

219 supporters · 0 constituents



Reform the Grand Jury System Ohio

14,098 supporters · 0 constituents



Prevent John Becker's Proposed Unisex Bathroom Ban

987 supporters · 0 constituents



More parking spots for TRUCK DRIVERS!

394 supporters · 0 constituents



To shut down stone wall limited gun. Shooting range

30 supporters · 0 constituents



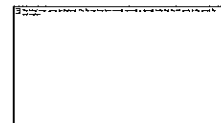
Treat Ohio Service Dog Owners Equally

3,270 supporters · 0 constituents



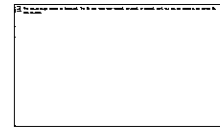
Extend the Foster Care Age to 21

14 supporters · 0 constituents



Remove Front License Plates in Ohio

10,089 supporters · 0 constituents



Hand up! Don't Lock Up! Mandatory Rehabilitation For First-Time Drug-Use Offenders In OH

30 supporters · 0 constituents



Extend Supports to Foster Youth Through Age 21

7,983 supporters · 0 constituents 1 RESPONSE



Ohio's laws STILL protect animal abusers, A.R.C. threatens those trying to save them!

596 supporters · 0 constituents



Support HB 499 Ohio General Assembly 131 Ohio Parkinson's Disease Registry

23 supporters · 0 constituents



Chronic Pain Patients Lives Matter

59 supporters · 0 constituents



Ohio HB308: Exempt Sales Tax on Post-Secondary Textbooks

3,177 supporters · 0 constituents

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Support Medical Amnesty in Ohio: Calling for Help Should Not be a Crime

1,862 supporters · 0 constituents



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Wednesday, May 11, 2016



TOP NEWS

Garland Puts Abu Ghraib, Drone Strike Cases In Career Top 10

U.S. Supreme Court nominee Judge Merrick Garland cited decisions on CIA drone strike records and abuse at Abu Ghraib as career highlights on a Senate Judiciary Committee questionnaire Tuesday, with the White House quickly claiming that the response demonstrates Judge Garland's suitability for the high court.

'Yates Memo' Author Defends Policy, Says Shift Is In Effect

Deputy Attorney General Sally Quillian Yates on Tuesday defended the Justice Department's renewed policy to prosecute individuals in corporate cases, pushing back against criticism over attorney-client privilege concerns, but warning that individuals are now in prosecutors' sights from the inception of an investigation.

10 States Seek To Enter Challenge To DOL Persuader Rule

Ten states including Texas asked a Texas federal court on Tuesday if they can be part of a case initiated by several business groups that challenges the U.S. Department of Labor's "persuader" rule, saying the regulation

LAW FIRMS

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Cohen & Gresser
Covington & Burling
Dentons
Dewey & LeBoeuf
Dickstein Shapiro
Edelson PC
Finnegan
Gibson Dunn
Herbert Smith Freehills
Hogan Lovells
Holland & Knight

threatens their "exclusive" rights to regulate the practice of law.

McConnell Blocks Dem Bid To Confirm 11 Judicial Nominees

Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., on Tuesday blocked Democrats' attempts to confirm 11 federal judicial nominees for vacancies in nine states, arguing they had wrongly attempted to skirt the proper confirmation process.

NC Dems Offer Sweeping Rewrite Of Bathroom Law

Just a day after North Carolina traded lawsuits with the U.S. Department of Justice over the legality of the state's infamous transgender bathroom law, Democratic lawmakers in the state introduced a bill that would rewrite the state's anti-discrimination policy to protect people on the basis of their transgender status.

ANALYSIS

Treasury Recs Could Limit Disruption By Marketplace Lenders

A Treasury Department study on marketplace lending released Tuesday showed that the still young industry, touted as a disruptive force in finance, will likely have to deal with an increase in federal regulation even as it confronts a slew of other problems that have recently bubbled up.

Tax Credit Eligibility Boost Puts Wind In Developers' Sails

The Internal Revenue Service's recent doubling of the time clean energy developers have to complete projects in order to qualify for the renewable production tax credit lowers risks for both developers and investors, and will translate to more green projects being launched and completed, experts say.

BANKING & SECURITIES

Holman Fenwick
Jackson Lewis
Jones Day
Kaye McLane
Keller and Heckman
Kemp Smith
Latham & Watkins
Leech Tishman
Manatt Phelps
Mayer Brown
Norton Rose Fulbright
Ogletree Deakins
Post & Schell
Pyle Rome
Richards Kibbe
Saxe Doernberger
Schiff Hardin
Shearman & Sterling
Sheppard Mullin
Sidley Austin
Stoel Rives
Taylor Wessing
Venable LLP
White & Case
Winston & Strawn

COMPANIES

AT&T Inc.
American Bankers Association
American Civil Liberties Union
Ames & Gough
Berkeley Research Group
CTIA
Center for Biological Diversity Inc.
Cisco Systems Inc.
Comcast Corporation
Dell Inc.
Deloitte Touche
Diodes Incorporated

CFTC Wasting Taxpayer Cash On Extra Offices, Watchdog Says

The Commodity Futures Trading Commission's inspector general published a report Tuesday saying the agency spends too much on office space it doesn't need, estimating the CFTC will spend up to \$56.8 million on empty space over the duration of its current leases.

SEC Approves PCAOB Contributing Auditor Disclosure Rules

The U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission on Monday stamped its final approval on new rules administered by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board requiring auditors to disclose engagement partners and other accounting firms involved in an audit of a publicly traded company.

UK Risk Appetite Sours Ahead Of Brexit Vote

Troubled by the uncertainty surrounding the British vote to leave the European Union, U.K. chief financial officers have turned sharply more conservative, preferring to cut costs and improve cash flow but seldom making contingency plans for a potential departure, a Deloitte survey revealed.

European PE Investment Rises Due To Cross-Border Activity

Private equity investments in Europe climbed to €47.4 billion (\$53.9 billion) last year and nearly one-third of those investments were cross-border, according to a study released on Tuesday by Invest Europe, a number that bodes well for lawmakers who have called for an EU capital markets union.

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENTAL

EPA Sends Aircraft Greenhouse Gas Rule To White House

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency on Friday sent its proposed finding that greenhouse gas emissions from aircraft

Electronic Frontier Foundation
Electronic Privacy Information Center

Ford Motor Company

Google Inc.

Humane Society of the United States

Hyundai Motor

International Council for Commercial Arbitration

Kind LLC

London Court of International Arbitration

Lyft Inc.

NRG Energy Inc.

National Association of Home Builders

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National Federation of Independent Business

National Right to Work Legal Defense Foundation

New York City Bar Association

New York Times Co.

New York University

Occidental Petroleum Corporation

PBF Energy Inc.

Public Company Accounting Oversight Board

Service Employees International Union

T-Mobile USA Inc.

The Hershey Company

Two Harbors Investment Corp.

U.S. Chamber of Commerce

United Nations Commission on International Trade Law

Verizon Communications

GOVERNMENT AGENCIES

endanger human health and the environment to the White House Office of Management and Budget for review.

Montana Group Asks High Court To Review Crow Water Deal

Montana farmers, ranchers and others are urging the U.S. Supreme Court to reconsider a state court ruling upholding the Crow Nation's \$460 million water-rights settlement with the state and federal government, arguing that the state court set too high a bar for challenging such deals.

High Court Urged To Reel In Calif.'s Shark Fin Ban Case

Two Asian-American groups are further pressing the U.S. Supreme Court to hear their arguments that the Ninth Circuit should have nixed California's ban on shark fin sales because it gets in the way of a federal fisheries law.

Texas Cities Can't Regulate Propane Industry, AG Says

Houston's rules governing liquefied petroleum gas are preempted and superseded by a 2011 law giving the Railroad Commission of Texas regulatory control over the industry, Texas Attorney General Ken Paxton said in an advisory opinion Tuesday.

HEALTH & LIFE SCIENCES

House Passes Five Bills To Curb Opioid Abuse

The U.S. House of Representatives on Tuesday passed a handful of bills intended to help address the growing problem of opioid abuse and drug overdose deaths, including measures aimed at both curbing the trafficking of illegal drugs and the misuse of legal drugs.

TRANSPORTATION & INFRASTRUCTURE

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Central Intelligence Agency

Commodity Futures Trading Commission

Consumer Financial Protection Bureau

Crow Nation

Enterprise Rancheria of Maidu Indians

Equal Employment Opportunity Commission

European Commission

Executive Office of the President

Federal Aviation Administration

Federal Bureau of Investigation

Federal Communications Commission

Federal Election Commission

Federal Emergency Management Agency

Federal Railroad Administration

Federal Reserve System

Federal Trade Commission

Food and Drug Administration

Government Accountability Office

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

Internal Revenue Service

International Trade Commission

Office of Foreign Assets Control

Office of the Comptroller of the Currency

Pala Band of Mission Indians

Securities and Exchange Commission

U.S. Department of Defense

U.S. Department of Energy

U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Senate OKs Bill To Create Railway Emergency Response Panel

The U.S. Senate voted Monday to pass a bill that would create a temporary Federal Emergency Management Agency subcommittee to develop plans to improve response plans for railroad emergencies, moving the bill to U.S. House of Representatives.

DC Circ. Won't Review FAA Drone Privacy Challenge

The D.C. Circuit on Tuesday said it would not review a privacy watchdog's denied petition to the Federal Aviation Administration asking the agency to address privacy concerns raised by drone use in an upcoming rule-making, finding that the privacy group's request was untimely.

FAA, Treasury Urged To Make Shared- Service Prices Public

The Federal Aviation Administration and the Treasury Department should increase pricing transparency for intra-agency services such as information technology support so that they can meet demand across different areas of the government, the Government Accountability Office said in a report published Tuesday.

EMPLOYMENT

Child Care Workers Want High Court Review Of Union Law

A group of Massachusetts at-home child care workers last week urged the U.S. Supreme Court to weigh in on their challenge to a 2012 state law that gives their collective bargaining rights to the Service Employees International Union, arguing that it violates their right to free association.

Chamber Says Time Is Now For Seattle Uber Union Law Suit

The U.S. Chamber of Commerce on Monday shot back at Seattle's bid to dismiss an antitrust challenge to the city's ordinance allowing Uber and Lyft drivers to organize, telling a

U.S. Department of Homeland
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U.S. Department of Labor

U.S. Department of Veterans
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U.S. Department of the Treasury

U.S. Environmental Protection
Agency

U.S. House of Representatives

U.S. Office of Personnel
Management

U.S. Secret Service

U.S. Senate

U.S. Supreme Court

Washington federal judge the suit needn't be delayed since the law is already affecting companies.

COMPETITION

Pa. Engineering Firm Prez Pleads Guilty In Pay-For-Play Probe

The president of an engineering firm has become the latest to plead guilty to participating in municipal pay-to-play schemes that involved a number of public officials for the Pennsylvania cities of Allentown and Reading, the U.S. Department of Justice announced Tuesday.

PRIVACY & CONSUMER PROTECTION

California Advances Gender-Neutral Bathroom Bill

California lawmakers approved a bill on Monday that would require all single-occupancy restrooms in the state to be identified as "all gender" and be universally accessible, amid a fight between the U.S. Justice Department and North Carolina over the latter's controversial transgender bathroom law.

PRODUCT LIABILITY

FDA To Let Kind Use 'Healthy' On Snack Bar Labels

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration on Tuesday said Kind LLC may label its snack bars "healthy," so long as it's clearly part of the company philosophy and not a nutritional statement, and that the agency will be reevaluating how it defines healthy food.

E-Cig Co. Nicopure Sues FDA To Block New Oversight

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration is unlawfully exceeding its authority with a rule that expands the agency's ability to regulate all tobacco products, e-cigarette company

Nicopure Labs LLC claimed on Tuesday, asking a D.C. federal judge to vacate the rule.

CTIA Says Berkeley Cellphone Warning Not Based On Science

CTIA — The Wireless Association has blasted the city of Berkeley, California's defense of a radiation warning requirement for cellphone retailers, telling the Ninth Circuit that the U.S. Federal Communications Commission and scientific community have already rejected the theory that how one holds the device could be dangerous.

TAX

Wyden Demands Nev., Wyo. Docs On Panama Papers Cos.

Sen. Ron Wyden, D-Ore., asked officials in Wyoming and Nevada on Tuesday to answer questions and turn over business registration files, audits and other investigatory documents for more than 1,000 companies created in those states whose names have come up in the Panama Papers leak.

Ex-Rep Says He'll Cop To Tax Charges

Former U.S. Rep. Mel Reynolds told an Illinois federal judge he will plead guilty to charges he evaded taxes on \$400,000 in income, saying he can't prepare to represent himself if he is to be kept in jail until his June trial.

IMMIGRATION

Immigrants Seek Class Cert. For 'Unlawful' ICE Detainers

Immigrants who say they were unlawfully held by Los Angeles County officers based on U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement detainers filed motions Monday seeking certification for a class of tens of thousands in their consolidated lawsuits in California federal court.

NATIVE AMERICAN

Calif. Signs New Gambling Compact With Pala Band Tribe

The state of California has inked a new gaming compact with the Pala Band of Mission Indians, superseding a previous agreement between the state and the tribe, Gov. Jerry Brown announced Monday.

TELECOMMUNICATIONS

FCC Told Zero-Rating Helps Minority, Low-Income Groups

The Multicultural Media, Telecom and Internet Council told the Federal Communications Commission in a report Monday that the providing of free data through so-called zero-rating plans does not harm competition and could help close the digital divide, particularly benefiting minorities and low-income households.

INTERNATIONAL ARBITRATION

Draft Bill Reflects S. Africa's Mixed Views On Arbitration

A draft international arbitration bill set to replace South Africa's long-outdated commercial arbitration legislation is an encouraging sign to investors, but it is unlikely to position the country as an international arbitration hub given recent legislation criticized for curbing investor-state arbitration.

PENNSYLVANIA

Pa. AG Says Lack Of Like Cases Proves Vindictive Prosecution

Attorney General Kathleen Kane argued Monday that the lack of similar criminal charges against other individuals proved that she had been vindictively targeted for prosecution over her role in the leak of confidential grand jury material.

Ex-Ballard Spahr Atty, Rendell Aide Cops To Wire Fraud

A former Ballard Spahr LLP partner who also served as chief of staff to Pennsylvania Gov. Ed Rendell pled guilty to one count of wire fraud in Pennsylvania federal court Tuesday after being charged with pocketing funds intended to be passed on to state legislators in a federal investigation.

PEOPLE

Blank Rome Lobbying Arm Adds Former Energy Secretary

Blank Rome Government Relations LLC, the lobbying unit of law firm Blank Rome LLP, on Monday announced that it brought on a former U.S. Secretary of Energy and former chief of staff at the U.S. Department of Energy as principals.

EXPERT ANALYSIS

Patent Reform Beyond The Innovation Act: The TPTP Act

The Trade Protection Not Troll Protection Act is a recent bipartisan effort with provisions expected to curb nonpracticing entity use of the U.S. International Trade Commission. It has gained considerable steam already, presenting Congress the opportunity to substantially amend Section 337 for the first time since 1988, say attorneys with Finnegan Henderson Farabow Garrett & Dunner LLP.

The Potentially Sweeping Effects Of FCC's ISP Regulations

The Federal Communications Commission's proposed rules concerning customer proprietary information acquired by broadband internet access service providers are broad in scope and reflect uncertainty as to how to best protect customer information. The definitions and principles outlined could have a significant ripple effect on the entire digital ecosystem, say

Douglas Jarrett and Tracy Marshall at Keller and Heckman LLP.

Paid Sick Leave Compliance: Untangling The Complicated Web

The momentum for legally mandated paid sick leave has turned compliance into a game of whack-a-mole. Not only must employers be vigilant and identify newly enacted laws that may apply to their business, but they must also navigate the complicated web of requirements to ensure compliance, say Daisy Sanchez and Jennifer Terry at Arent Fox LLP.

9th Circ. Says Fair Housing Act Thwarts Discrimination

For years, neighbors have opposed housing projects that are intended to be occupied by lower-income families. Local governments often bow to the political pressure brought to bear by such opponents. The Ninth Circuit's strong opinion last month in *City of Yuma v. Avenue 6E Investments* should serve to uphold these projects, even in the face of neighbor opposition, says Michael Berger at Manatt Phelps & Phillips LLP.

LEGAL INDUSTRY

5 Things You Should Never Put In A Client Email

Email is a vital tool for lawyers seeking to keep up in a world where information moves at the speed of light, but communicating with clients by email gives rise to potential pitfalls that lawyers a generation ago never faced, experts told Law360. Here are five things that should never appear in an email to a client.

5 Ways To Turbocharge Your Practice Group

Growing a practice group from a minor league player to a major league slugger takes a lot more than just luck and hard work, according to those who have managed to pull it off. Here,

some of those leaders share five tips for taking your practice group to the next level.

Ex-Bryan Cave Atty Gets Time Served For Murder Threat

A former Bryan Cave attorney who admitted that he threatened to kill a former co-worker at the firm during a 2013 phone call was sentenced Tuesday to time served and three years of supervised release, Missouri court records show.

Lateral Opportunities Dry Up For Employment Lawyers

Fewer employment attorneys have changed firms in the first quarter of 2016 than in any other quarter over the past 15 months, as the demand for lawyers specializing in the practice area has slowed amid a strong economy, according to Law360 data and experts.

4 Tips For Law Firms To Maximize Cyber Coverage

Edelson PC's recent putative privacy class action alleging a Chicago-based regional law firm failed to take measures to effectively safeguard sensitive client data highlights the need for firms to obtain expansive cyber liability coverage. Here, experts delve into what firms should do to make sure they're protected from cyber risks.

Chinese Legal Giant Adds 23 Ex-Dentons Lawyers In US

Zhong Lun has picked up 23 new lawyers in the U.S. from Dentons affiliates, a move the Chinese legal giant said Monday gives it the most extensive presence in the U.S. of any Chinese law firm and adds two West Coast offices.

White & Case Becomes Latest Firm To Allow Working Remotely

Associates and other employees of White & Case LLP in London walked into a more flexible workplace this week, as the firm has

implemented a new "agile" U.K. office policy that allows working remotely, making it the third firm in recent weeks to do so.

UK Magic Circle Firms Caught In Panama Papers Data Dump

Two Magic Circle firms and at least 17 other major U.K.-based solicitors have been linked to thousands of the offshore investment companies listed in the so-called Panama Papers, which exposed a vast network that has global regulators looking to strengthen tax avoidance regimes.

NY High Court Rejects Judges' Latest Bid For Back Pay

New York's highest court on Tuesday denied state judges their bid to obtain back pay for 10 years spent without cost-of-living increases, ruling the jurists weren't constitutionally entitled to the retroactive raises.

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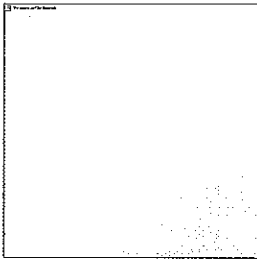
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States Impacted by Federal Regulations

Across the country, Patrick A. McLaughlin, senior research fellow at the Mercatus Center, and Oliver Sherouse, research analyst at Mercatus, recently released the 2016 edition of the Federal Regulation and State Enterprise (FRASE) Index. The Index ranks the degree to which federal regulation affects the 50 states and Washington, DC. The researchers found the state harmed the most by regulations is Louisiana. The state affected the least is New Hampshire.

The FRASE Index examines thousands of administrative laws regulatory agencies pass each year. The authors explain that while regulations are not pieces of legislation that typically dominate news cycles, they are still laws that often have serious consequences for those who fail to comply, such as significant fines or jail time.

McLaughlin and Sherouse say in the Index that regulations are abundant: "The Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), which annually compiles all current federal regulations, numbers more than 175,000 pages in 236 volumes. Those pages contain over one million individual restrictions that mandate or prohibit some activity. And those numbers are growing: by restriction count, the CFR is nearly twice as large as it was in 1975."

Mercatus recently created a website called RegData, which measures the FRASE Index score. A FRASE Index score of 1 means federal regulations affect a state to precisely the same degree that they do the nation as a whole. A score higher than 1 indicates federal regulations have a higher impact on the state than on the nation, and a score below 1 means they have a lower impact on a state. To calculate the FRASE Index score, RegData counts the number of individual restrictions in the CFR by identifying the words "shall," "must," "may not," "required," and "prohibited" and assigning the words to the appropriate industries.

McLaughlin and Sherouse argue in the FRASE Index, "When a state economy is highly concentrated in one or two industries, changes in regulation on those industries can dramatically affect the state's score on the Index. Some trends in the production of regulations, such as the growth of environmental and transportation regulations, play a large role in determining the levels of regulation on specific states."

Following the launch of the Mercatus FRASE Index, many states have been forced to consider the costs associated with federal regulations.

Alexandria Burris, a writer for *Greater Baton Rouge Business Report*, wrote in a [recent article](#) federal regulations impact Louisiana more than any other state: "Louisiana's score is 1.74, which indicates the impact of federal regulations on industries here are 74% higher than the impact on the nation overall. The state's top ranking in the report is reflective of the large chemical, manufacturing and oil and gas industries—each of which is heavily regulated—in the state."

Akash Chougule, director of policy for Americans for Prosperity, said in a recent press release, in which he cited the Mercatus results, New Jersey has seen a 14 percent increase in federal regulatory impact. "New Jersey ranked 38th on Mercatus' list, as the state has not been as impacted in recent years by EPA regulations which have hit states like West Virginia, Kentucky and others hard," said Chougule.

In a [recent blog post](#), Vance Ginn, an economist at the Center for Fiscal Policy at the Texas Public Policy Foundation, advises states to be cautious of burdensome government regulations following the study's conclusion that federal regulations have reduced average U.S. economic growth by about 0.8 percentage points per year since 1980. "While this doesn't seem like a big deal, it's important to note that economic growth compounds over time," said Ginn. "Therefore, the negative gap between economic growth without regulations compared with actual growth grows larger as it builds on itself each period."



Budget & Tax

FDA Went Way Too Far on E-Cigarettes

Jeff Stier, a senior fellow at the National Center for Public Policy, argues in this *Heartlander* article the Food and Drug Administration's new deeming regulations effectively ban up to 98.5 percent of the e-cigarettes on the market today, potentially crippling the vaping industry. "If the FDA can't differentiate between responsible regulation and an effective ban, let me help: Reasonable rules institute vapor battery standards, marketing restrictions and a ban on sales to minors." [Read more](#)

Constitutional Reform

Virginia House Approves Resolution Calling for Article V Convention

Virginia lawmakers are now considering a resolution that would call for Congress to convene a national convention for the purpose of drafting an amendment to the U.S. Constitution and authorizing the state to participate. This *Heartlander* article by Ben Johnson discusses how this effort began and how states are becoming increasingly interested in the Article V movement. [Read more](#)



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Education

Research & Commentary: Missouri Education Savings Account Bill

On April 27, the Missouri House of Representatives passed a bill that would establish the Missouri Empowerment Scholarship Accounts Program, which would provide children with special needs and disabilities with an education savings account (ESA) that could be used to help pay for tuition at a private school that may better suit their individual needs. The bill still awaits a full vote in the state's Senate.

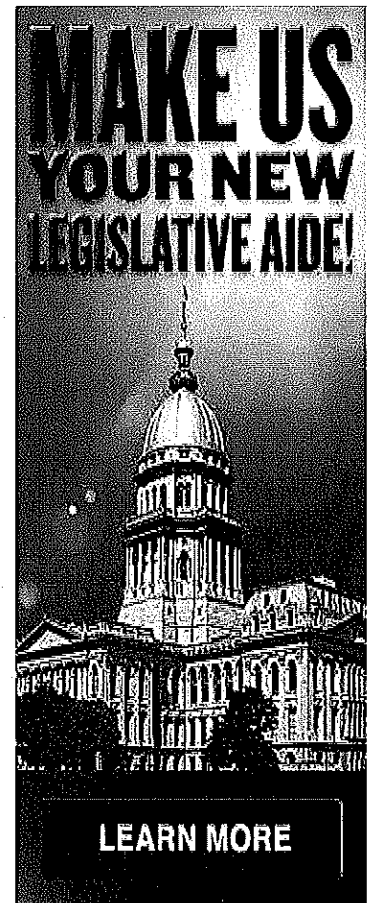
In this *Research and Commentary*, Heartland Policy Analyst Tim Benson writes, "This ESA program would be funded in a way that is similar to how tax-credit scholarship programs are funded. Individuals and businesses would receive a tax credit equal to 100 percent of the amount of their contribution, so long as the claimed tax credit does not 'exceed the amount of the taxpayer's state tax liability for the year which the credit is claimed.' These contributions and ESA accounts they fund would be handled by state-sanctioned 'educational assistance organizations.' The state would cap the maximum amount of contributions to the program at \$25 million per year. Qualifying students eligible for an ESA would receive an amount equal to 90 percent of their local school district's average per-pupil expenditures during the previous school year." [Read more](#)

Energy & Environment

Research & Commentary: Rhode Island Carbon Dioxide Tax Proposal

A carbon dioxide tax proposal promoted by Energize Rhode Island was introduced in the Rhode Island House of Representatives on January 27. This bill would establish a \$15-per-ton fee on companies selling fossil fuels in the state, paid at the first point of sale within state lines, starting on January 1, 2017. The tax would then increase by \$5 per ton each year. Proponents of the bill believe the tax will raise \$140 million during the first year, 70 percent of which would be returned to households and businesses through a rebate meant to offset increases in gasoline and utility bill costs. Five percent would go to pay administrative costs, while the other 25 percent would go into the state's Green Infrastructure Bank to help fund "climate resilience, energy efficiency, energy conservation, and renewable energy programs."

In this *Research and Commentary*, Heartland Policy Analyst Tim Benson writes, "Electricity costs in Rhode Island are already the sixth highest in the nation, and instead of adding a



The March issue of *Budget & Tax News* reports Texas Gov. Greg Abbott's support for convening a convention of the states to consider and draft a constitutional amendment requiring a balanced national budget.

new tax, elected officials should set their taxes at low, competitive rates that are applied to a broad base. ... Building more pipeline infrastructure, for example, would bring in greater amounts of natural gas into Rhode Island and would be much more effective than a burdensome tax at lowering emissions, lowering unemployment, and spurring economic productivity.” [Read more](#)

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Health Care

[Research & Commentary: Oklahoma ‘Medicaid Rebalancing’ is Simply Medicaid Expansion](#)

Oklahoma legislators are now considering a Medicaid expansion proposal called the Medicaid Rebalancing Act, which is similar to the expansion undertaken in Arkansas. It would shift about 175,000 pregnant women and children off of Medicaid and into private insurance plans, which would be purchased with subsidies through the federal marketplace.

In this *Research & Commentary*, Senior Policy Analyst Matthew Glans argues that “while the Medicaid Rebalancing Act faces several hurdles, including federal approval for the expansion and a three-fourths vote for the tobacco tax increase, it is important to recognize the real problems expansion creates. Using a declining revenue source to pay for an increasingly expensive Medicaid expansion will fail to provide better or more affordable health care and create budgetary problems.” [Read more](#)

[School Reform News](#)

From Our Free-Market Friends

[National Alliance for Public Charter Schools Releases New Report](#)

The National Alliance for Public Charter Schools recently released a new report titled *Demanding a Chance: Parents’ Demand for Charter Schools Continues to Grow*. The report’s authors found 78 percent of parents support a charter school opening in their neighborhood and an equal number of parents favor additional school choice options, regardless of where they live. Now, more than ever, parents across the nation want to be able to choose the best public school for their child, and the results from this survey reinforce the demand for more high-quality charter schools. [Read more](#)

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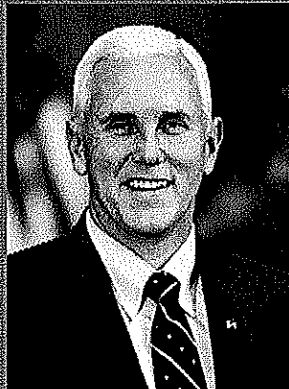
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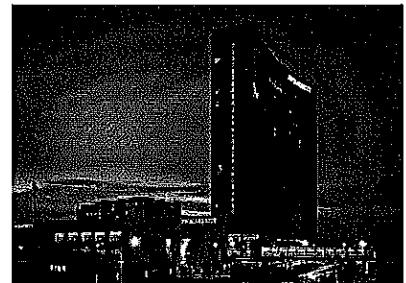
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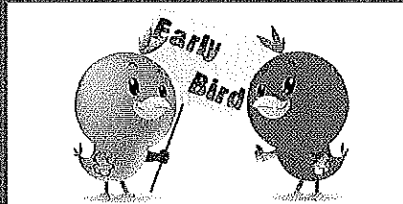
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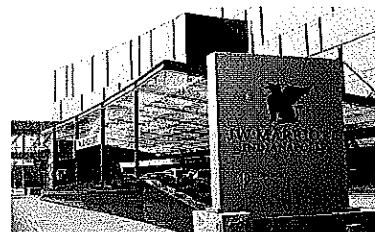
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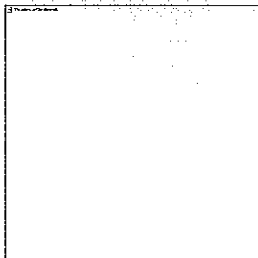
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It's not too late to register for our breakfast and panel discussion with national and state leaders on criminal justice reform. As Ohio policymakers consider improvements to the state's criminal justice system, your voice will be critical.

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Prominent free-market policy experts will address and explore solutions to the top policy issues looming on the horizon as we move into 2017. Policy areas will include education, energy and environment, health care, and taxes and the economy.

The Summer Emerging Issues Forum will kick off with a VIP cocktail reception on the evening of Sunday, August 7 at the Renaissance Chicago Downtown Hotel. The policy sessions will take place the following day from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the same location.

Registration is *free* for elected officials, their spouses, and legislative staff. You can register for the event here. If you are currently a member of Heartland's Legislative Forum or use this opportunity to join you will also be eligible for a **travel scholarship of up to \$350 and one night (August 7) accommodations** at the host hotel. Space is limited, however, so register today!

Here is a taste of what will be covered at the event:

Health Care. The panel will discuss how states can open up competition and reduce the costs of health care, even with the Affordable Care Act in place. Solutions we will discuss include using telemedicine, rolling back certificate of need laws, and embracing direct primary care. The panel will also address Medicaid expansion.

Energy and Environment. America has become a leader in energy production despite President Barack Obama's efforts to discourage the use of traditional energy sources such as coal, natural gas, and oil. This panel will discuss the rise of hydraulic fracturing, demise of renewable power mandates, and other pro-environment, pro-energy, and pro-jobs solutions.

Budget and Tax. States are seeking ways to create a better business climate to attract jobs and businesses to their states. Some states have been passing right-to-work laws, pushing tax reform, and reforming their public pension systems, while others have increased taxes and regulations. This panel will discuss which policies are working and which are not.

School Reform. Education outcomes in America continue to lag globally, the debate over Common Core State Standards remains heated, and educational choice options such as education savings accounts and charter schools continue to grow. This panel will analyze roadblocks to transforming education as we know it.

Social Media Training. Lunch will feature an exclusive workshop with a leading social media expert, who will offer tips and strategies for effectively communicating your policy message on Facebook, Twitter, and other social media platforms.

If you can't make the summer event, we will be hosting our Winter Emerging Issues Forum on December 15–17 in Orlando, Florida. For more information about The Heartland Institute and the Emerging Issues Forum, or if you have any questions about sponsorship opportunities, please do not hesitate to contact Lindsey Stroud at 312/377-4000 or by email at lstroud@heartland.org

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PETITIONS TO YOU:

Help us pass Ohio Senate Bill 112 (Matthew's Bill)

348 supporters · 0 constituents



PREVENT DOMESTIC HOMICIDE! Make Non-Fatal Strangulation a Felony in Ohio.

114,588 supporters · 0 constituents



Reform the Grand Jury System Ohio

15,244 supporters · 0 constituents



Prevent John Becker's Proposed Unisex Bathroom Ban

1,009 supporters · 0 constituents



Make Carp a Sport Fish/ Make bow fishing illegal.

404 supporters · 0 constituents



Ohio: Mandatory For all Special Education Facilities to have Video Cameras

241 supporters · 0 constituents



More parking spots for TRUCK DRIVERS!

401 supporters · 0 constituents



To shut down stone wall limited gun. Shooting range

30 supporters · 0 constituents



Treat Ohio Service Dog Owners Equally

3,329 supporters · 0 constituents



Extend the Foster Care Age to 21

14 supporters · 0 constituents



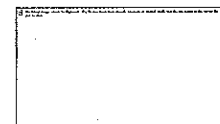
Remove Front License Plates in Ohio

10,128 supporters · 0 constituents



Hand up! Don't Lock Up! Mandatory Rehabilitation For First-Time Drug-Use Offenders In OH

30 supporters · 0 constituents



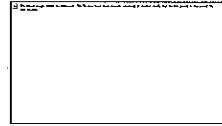
Extend Supports to Foster Youth Through Age 21

7,993 supporters · 0 constituents 1 RESPONSE



Ohio's laws STILL protect animal abusers, A.R.C. threatens those trying to save them!

596 supporters · 0 constituents



Support HB 499 Ohio General Assembly 131 Ohio Parkinson's Disease Registry

23 supporters · 0 constituents



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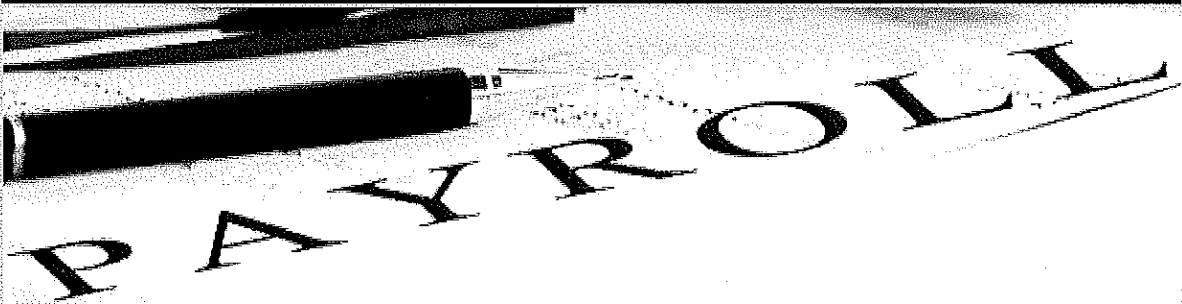
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Subject: Proposed minimum wage hike in Cleveland could have maximum impact on employers

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Proposed minimum wage hike in Cleveland could have maximum impact on employers

Cleveland City Council had a first reading this week of legislation by initiative that will raise the minimum wage in Cleveland to \$15 per hour ([Ordinance 621-16](#)).

The initiative is driven by the Service Employees International Union (SEIU), whose Fight-for-\$15 campaign has helped make \$15 the new standard in the national debate about minimum wage. The SEIU, through the newly formed local group Raise Up Cleveland, collected enough signatures of Cleveland voters to compel council to introduce the legislation on Monday, May 16, 2016. The initiative is the latest in a series of efforts across the country to impose increased minimum wage rates on private sector employers and advance an aggressive "pro-employee" labor agenda.

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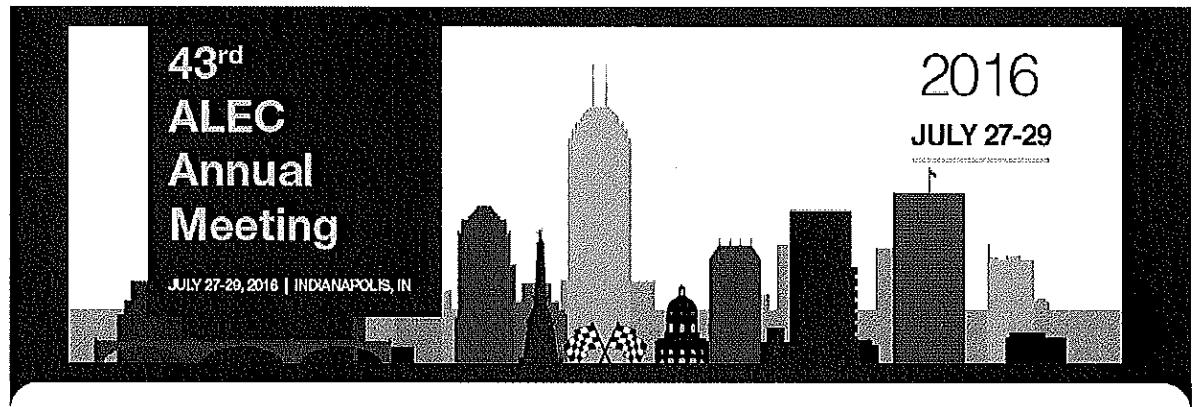
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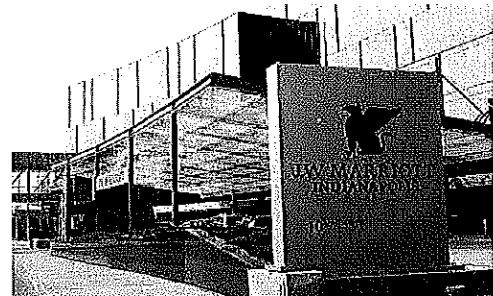
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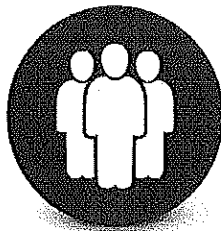
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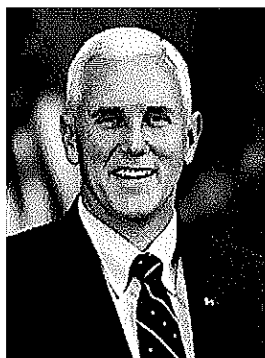


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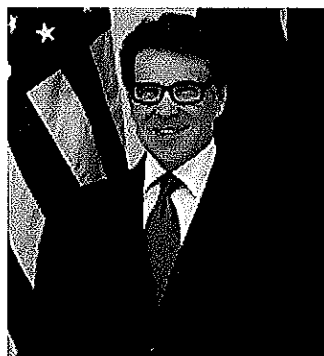
Agenda

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